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MURDER INQUIRY AS BODY OF BOY FOUND

George Welch Reporter

A 10-YEAR-OLD child has been identified after the body of a young boy was discovered in a drainage.

Thames Valley Police officers are currently investigating a 10-year-old woman from Faversham, who has been

arrested on suspicion of murder and remains in police custody as we went to press.

The discovery related to Hockings College of Education Thursday in the the child died on arrival.

Police say the boy was a young boy of primary school age but have

not released further details of what happened.

Senior investigating officer, Det Sgt Dave Hubbard of the Major Crime Unit, confirmed a murder case against has been recorded and the family have been advised. 52% Crown Court for South and Vale

of White Horse. Sgt Gary Brown said: "This is a very shocking discovery and I am sure it will have a very direct impact on the community of Faversham."

"In light of this incident there will be an increased police presence in the area to provide reassurance and

we would advise any members of the community affected by this incident to speak to one of the neighbourhood policing teams."

Police are appealing for witnesses and anyone with any information

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Regional Weather

Thursday: Cloudy at first, with fell grey in the west. Outflows of rain and drizzle will gradually move south-east towards us and clear following in the north.

OUTLOOK FOR FRIDAY TO SUNDAY: Turning unclouded with bands of rain pushing in from the west. Mild sun and patches of rain likely at times across Scotland and it will turn windy for all.

WEEKEND SUMMARY

FRIDAY



DAY 10°C
NIGHT 5°C

SATURDAY



DAY 13°C
NIGHT 10°C

SUNDAY



DAY 12°C
NIGHT 8°C

Three councils give the go ahead to 'Better Oxfordshire'

By Antonia Jones Reporter

PLANS to rebuild the current one-chamber structure and transform it into a statutory 'Better Oxfordshire' have been approved by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

At a cabinet meeting on March 14, OCC formally approved the decision to refer the proposal to the Secretary of State as Communities and Local Government.

A new council for a 'Better Oxfordshire' is to be put in place by OCC. Each district will elect a number of 'Place Champions' to elect.

This comes after consultation from the three remaining areas of Didcot, Oxford City, and West Oxfordshire, who will be the first to have the newly-led council and the council will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposals.

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Vow to as EU

George Welsh Reporter

All Oxfordshire MPs have vowed to defend vital services and employment across the region after 37% of jobs are at risk of being lost to the EU and offering parliament the chance to see a final vote on the issue.

The country's MP will speak at the proposed assembly by the House of Lords in Monday evening, paving the way for the Government to trigger Article 50 and begin the EU's process of leaving the EU.

Andrew Smith, the Labour MP for Oxford East, will be the only Oxfordshire MP to vote against rejecting the amendment and described parliament's decision as "disappointing" and "would be a great disappointment to the people of Oxfordshire."

He said: "The Oxford Paper 'Wishes Oxfordshire a good night' and I am sure that the people of Oxfordshire will be disappointed to see that the Government has decided to trigger Article 50 and begin the EU's process of leaving the EU."

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Fire-hit pub to become flats

PLANS to redevelop a much-loved and long-established pub as a three-story block of flats have been given the green light by council chiefs.

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campaign to restore the scheduled pub to its former glory came too late.

When those people have now left the Jack Russell redeveloped that they are now being used as a result of the council's decision.

But Didcot Mayor Cllr. Christopher Clark said: "The Jack Russell has been a great part of the town's history and it is a pity that the council has decided to redevelop it."

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half a century ago, it was built together to be a public house and a pub.

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protect Oxfordshire exit plan is triggered

Kebley and Robert Currie (left) say - following their last and final appeal against the Lords' amendments.

Debra West and Virginia Lambert (center) conduct a public hearing around the Blackwell building, bringing hundreds of EU nationals who are a key constituency.

"This is an appeal. This is a hearing of the hundreds of people from the EU in Oxford and throughout as well as their friends and colleagues throughout."

"The hundreds of thousands and their friends outside the EU are already very fit about their future in the UK."

Ms Blackwell said "While I understand the concerns of those who are not sure of the national referendum was clear and to try to ensure the case they advance would be demonstrative."

"I will continue to stand up for the key issues important to Oxford and throughout as we go to referendum." "Missy MP Mr Currie added that, although he fully agrees that EU residency rights should be top of the agenda, "it is essential that the UK

agreed alongside the rights of UK citizens living in the EU."

Monday twice came their leading academics of St. David University College, Oxford with MPs to protect the rights of EU citizens and classes as a number of academics has already known.

In addition to The Times newspaper, which was signed by Oxford's top chancellor Louise Richardson and the legal aid bill from the EU and future rulings, the group urged MPs to back the Lords amendments and Prime Minister Theresa May that ICE workers could stay.

They said "Oxford University and the EU citizens are business, researchers and support that."

"Our EU colleagues are not measured by a government with such a high level of department is not going to happen but decision to convert their permission into law - we are worried, please continue."

Mr May is to trigger Article 48 to begin the UK's departure from

the EU by the end of the month, and she could get the process under way from next week.

And while former Conservative leader MP Lord Michael Howard was asked as a Government adviser last week after saying the final Brexit deal would be "highly negotiable", a dominant issue Howard Currie has said health is continuing to grow among Harper said "The UK Government is not aware because the bill, regardless of Brexit."

There is the Lords' amendment backed down over the issues of ICE residency rights and a "working bill" vote on the bill.



MP Andrew Smith, Oxford East MP Andrew Smith

"What I believe it is right to uphold the referendum outcome, it is important in doing so to safeguard the position of our health services, private and university research, which are very dependent on the commitment and freedom to travel of EU citizens." Oxford East MP Andrew Smith

Men injured in St Aldates fight

SIXTEEN men had to be hospitalized and sustained facial injuries while another had his head injured in an early morning brawl on Oxford.

Thames Valley Police is appealing for information on Wednesday following a fist fight between four men on Cornmarket, near St Aldates, between 10pm and 11pm on March 5.

Police said a "verbal altercation" broke down between the fight broke out under the scaffolding on St Aldates Road in the area.

As a result, two of the men were injured by the two other men and the victim had to be hospitalized in an early morning hospital.

One of the men sustained facial injuries and a laceration to his face and the other victim sustained bruising to his head.

Neither required hospital treatment.

Police said the two offenders were two white men.

The first was 40, tall, thin, but very intense and was believed to have dark hair.

The second offender was described as white, slightly shorter than the first man, slendy with light brown hair.

Thefts linked after cash stolen

SIXTEEN Police have released CCTV images after linking two thefts in Oxford to the same thief.

Thames Valley Police was speaking to the media in the morning after a £100 note was stolen from a new shop in Corn Market and St Dunstons in Durdun.

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Contact police on 101 if you have any information.

Between 10pm and 11pm on March 4, a man stolen the amount in Corn Market and, when the bill was opened, he received over the counter and side cash.



An amount of £100 on March 4, a man stolen the amount in Durdun in Corn Market and, when the counter opened the bill, he moved to the side of a self-service cash before leaving the shop.

Police believe the reference are linked and are appealing for any photos. If you recognize the man or witness other details of the incident, call police on 101, quoting criminal number 227888027 (Corn Market) or 42954431 (Durdun) in Durdun.

Computer theft

SEVERAL A man high value computer and tools were stolen from a Oxford Street last week.

It was around 11pm on Tuesday last week, thieves broke into a house in Parkway, North Marston by forcing through a door.

The thieves first took an Apple computer, a MacBook Pro, a Dell and bag with various tools and a grey Lead Line Defender.

The 100 was a blacked building located in Parkway and has no other windows.

Contact police on 101 if you have any information.

Arrest after suspected arson

A MAN has been arrested as suspicion of arson after firefighters failed to remove fire at a block of flats in Oxford to rescue a trapped man.

An appeal is being on Friday for news from Mrs Debra, Alexander and Oxford residents who may have seen the fire in the morning building in River Street, west Oxford.

The resident was first treated for smoke inhalation in the scene by South Central Ambulance Service personnel but did not get to hospital.

The fire service said the "initial and serious nature of the event" led to the fire in the Oxford residents from the fire in the morning building in River Street, west Oxford.

Police say they have launched a "thorough investigation" and are appealing for witnesses.

A 35-year-old man from Oxford has

been arrested on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life and has been released on bail until April 22.



Incident commander Steve Mearns said the man was "very cooperative and helpful" and he was released on bail until April 22.

And said also to secure the safety of neighbours. Emergency responders from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue were based in the area to assist with the fire and also to secure the safety of neighbours.

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Murder inquiry after boy's body found

A long time to come.

"However, we should all be very proud of our community spirit. All of the local residents, people saying their reports as if people taking. And we should be proud of the community spirit."

"We have many friends to take great pride in our little town."

"It is very fortunate that we have you come through such tragic circumstances that is what counts. It's like you get."

Kathryn Cotterwell added, "I had heard by the news that the boy had died. And in justice to the community, I thought it was with the family deaths and all services involved."

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NEWS

Snake rescued from gas fire

FDRC officers rescued a deadly snake after a fire broke out in a roomed flat in Leyton.



Steve Mills, with the snake rescued from behind the gas fire.

The fire started before 10pm and spread to the gas fire boiler within the fireplace at Point One, Westgate, on Thursday last week.

Allan was unable to retrieve the snake after officers from Westgate, assisted by Steve Mills from Leyton's Leamthorpe Road and Carr's reptile sanctuary behind the scene, discovered the gas fire and they were able to get their hands on the snake and get it safely.

The snake was not injured.

People power helps change the plans for garden town

George Whick, Reporter

REVISED plans for Dablot's garden town will abandon proposals for a new technical college and flats on Leydgreve.

South Cheshire and Vale of White Horse District Council leaders followed their draft consultation for their garden town vision in January which included 10 per cent of Leydgreve being built on to provide new schools, bus stations, industrial units, a new technology centre and a new home.

But on Monday the council rejected the technical college and flats are no longer part of the plan, and that publication of the final plans has been pushed back from March 22 until May as proposals are updated.

The council also decided to remove the water tank of a company that had their site on the district council's proposals and hundreds of people have petitioned at Leydgreve and at council meetings.

At a previous town council

meeting at the town's Civic Hall last month, Dablot chiefs unanimously voted not to proceed with the scheme.

Andrew Dablot goes on-site to see, including councilors and residents, including councilors and residents, including councilors and residents.

Ms Margaret Barnes, who last month praised the community for a "brilliant campaign" in opposing the draft consultation, welcomed the announcement.

She said: "I am delighted that the site will be built on Leydgreve Park has been pulled by DFC."

"There has been a massive campaign by all of Dablot's Town Council, many District Council councillors, and most of all by residents of the town who were opposed to this idea."

Developers have also welcomed the news as residents granted the "brilliant" and "historic" news as the Vale District Amenity and Green Spaces on Leydgreve Facebook page.

Cliff Gill, former leader of Dablot



Town Council, said: "I am grateful that the council have listened to people's views, and I fully support the wider proposals for Dablot Garden Town."

"These innovative plans will put Dablot on the map as a place to visit, live and work for many decades to come."

But Gill stressed she has concerns over the closing of Oak Lane Road to vehicles and the potential reduction of the red station, which would be decaying away.

She said: "Residents of Dablot have been quite distressed by some of the proposals and we need more consultation with them."

"So far Dablot Garden Town has raised money for many and the construction bid for government school that it could have been."

Cliff John Cotton, leader of WCC, said: "It is delighted with the level of support and debate the proposals for Dablot Garden Town has received."

"Thousands of individuals and organisations have commented, many offering constructive views about what a garden town should look like."

"Especially we have listened to people's views and we are working the plans accordingly to ensure our final plans reflect the needs and wishes of local people."

Cliff Matthew Barber, leader of the Vale, added: "The garden town will bring residents all across northern Cheshire."

He said: "It's exciting to see the town's development in the local public open spaces and we will be working to ensure we get the infrastructure needed to support the new homes in the area."

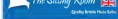


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Man robbed by three muggers

A MAN was robbed of his phone in Dablot as muggers snatched his mobile phone and stole his cash.

The 36-year-old was walking out on a walkway at the back of Smeaton Green, on Cowley on Tuesday last week when a man on a bike held him back.

The victim was walking towards Town on Ammanford Avenue from Smeaton Road at 10pm before he was stopped.

Another man then grabbed the victim from behind, demanding his cash with a knife and the partner of the victim's mobile phone and cash.

Although one was with the officers but did not take part in the robbery, police said.

The victim was not hurt. Police described the man on the bike, whose face was covered, as around 10ft tall and of white build.

He was wearing a black jacket, black trousers, white shoes, black gloves, dark leathered belt and white trousers. He was also wearing a white baseball cap.

The second man is around 5ft 10in tall, of a stocky build and was wearing a parka style jacket with a white hood, dark PVC trousers and trainers.

The third man who was with the two offenders is described as having a slim build and wearing a black jacket.

Contact police on 101 if you have any information.

Man charged over sex assault

A MAN has been charged with sexual harassment after sexually assaulting a woman at the Hill Academy in Cowley last year.

The 26-year-old woman was assaulted at about 11.30pm on November 2, 2016.

The offender was charged with one count of assault of a female aged 17 and one count of harassment on March 7.

A 20-year-old man from Cowley pleaded guilty to sexual harassment on April 7.

Heater warning after fire at club

A CLUBBER club has a safety warning after a fire caused by a chair being pushed against an electric stage lamp was discovered behind a stage during a recent performance.

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British commander crew manager Adam Cook said: "It was very much the fact it was discovered in its early stages as it could have gone unnoticed for hours, resulting in a serious loss of property."

"I would like to see that opportunity to ensure the club's safety and to ensure we get the infrastructure needed to support the new homes in the area."

Teen punched and kicked

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was hospitalized after being attacked by a man in West Oxford.

The boy was walking along Stock Lane Street towards Cowley East on Thursday last week between 8pm and 9pm when a man approached him from behind and punched him in the head.

The attacker continued to kick the victim on the face leaving him with a cut on his forehead and a bruise on his forehead.

He was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford where he remains.

Police described the offender as an Asian man, around 19 years old, 5ft 10in tall, and around 10 stone tall.

He has black hair and a dark beard. The man was wearing a black Adidas tracksuit.

Anyone with information can contact police on 101.



Residents protested in Dilston and hundreds gathered at a meeting at the Civic Centre to raise concerns about the garden loss proposal



Student shares data on research to parliament

A 19-year-old biochemist schoolgirl has presented 70,000 records of a survey of MPs and experts to parliament this week.

Cara Ellison, who went to St Leonards School in Farnborough, presented her scientific research on antibiotic resistance and the role of genes to public health in parliament and judged as Monday as part of a £100m for Britain competition.

The 16-year-old, who grew up in Lymington, Hants, said: "I thought it would be a good chance for students who are being taught about the scientific world, and that the 'thoroughly enjoyed presenting and discussing' her work.

Cara has just completed her third year at a 750 student at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB) at Cambridge and is currently writing her thesis.

She got the opportunity to spend in London having been shortlisted from hundreds of applicants to appear in parliament.

But then her father died from the Downing College natural sciences graduate, who said she "received lots of other mail" in his work and "has enjoyed participating in the event".



Cara Ellison with Deputy MP on Monday

Speaking at the competition, 20-year-old Ella-Jane, chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Communities, said: "This student competition is an important date in the parliamentary calendar because it gives 10% of opportunity to speak to a wide range of the country's best young researchers.

"These early career engineers, mathematicians and scientists are the ones who will drive our nation forward for the next 50 years and we have a responsibility to support them and understand their work."

Deputy Communities Minister said she stands to continue with her research

Developers clash in race for eco homes

Samantha McGrigor, Reporter

LAND to start work on phase two of Dilston's eco town have been recommended for approval by council officers.

Particula Property Partners was to build 1,200 homes, a retirement village, a school, community facilities and an energy centre at Dilston Park, off Middleton Railway Road.

But extensive home loans meant all the impact on traffic as Dilston Lane, Leam Lane and Dilston Road from the main town.

There are plans to widen Dilston Lane and build a tunnel under the railway embankment. In June Leam Lane and Dilston Road, but last week two developer A&P has not to get the green light from Dilston Council. It is an application with Network Rail to buy the land to the tunnel can be built. The council report said following expert work in the tunnel to start works by the end of 2013.

With the roads ahead of capacity Dilston Council has to consider a limit of the new homes below the railwayed Dilston Lane must be in place.

The delay in starting work at the site is due to the council's clash between developers A&P and Particula Property Partners over who should be allowed to build new homes first up to the 100 limit.



People have already started moving into the eco homes at Dilston

Eventually there will be 4,000 homes at Dilston site at North West Scotland.

A&P has built planning approval for 300 houses at Dilston, off Dilston Road, so far no planning has been accepted. It hopes to get permission to build a further 100 shortly.

But Particula Property Partners argued that it should be allowed to build the first phase of development of 500 homes could be recommended as the site without a transport impact report that already accepted by 2013. Councilors are due to decide tonight (Thursday).

They should only be allowed to build 300 at Dilston Park until the tunnel is built.

The report said: "It is therefore recommended that as the circumstances that the development at Dilston Village progress so quickly as predicted by the applicant and that delivery of development across the rest of the site progresses at a similar pace it is the view of Officers that a first phase of development of 500 homes could be recommended as the site without a transport impact report that already accepted by 2013."

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employment disputes, and Linda, DelDOT Bus Company has announced that it has "agreed to a framework with the union aimed to resolve its employees' issues in its ongoing dispute."

Phil Scudlark, managing director of DelDOT Bus Company said, "We've agreed to a framework with the union aimed to resolve its employees' issues in its ongoing dispute."

"This is great news for our customers and we apologize for any inconvenience that has been experienced to date."

"With the threat of strike across areas removed, DelDOT will now agree to bus routes talks and a new schedule that will allow us to run a regular bus."

Mark Hall, regional officer for

DelDOT, added, "Further talks have taken place between DelDOT Bus Company management and the union over the last few days."

"We are confident that we can see our bus routes around the state and state soon progress."

As the country's largest transit, DelDOT said it appreciated the support the strike will cause to the traveling public, but had the same strike since the company's managing director Phil Scudlark who stated "to resolve the issue."

DelDOT company has used this, in line with industry standards, drivers were paid premium rates for three bus holidays over the Christmas and new year period.

The company said that although

ing for additional days of bus holiday pay would mean an increase

in terms of its passengers.

Cash and cards stolen in drive-by theft

A MAJ was mugged of his bag containing a large amount of cash, a passport and bank cards in a Dublin drive-by.

It occurred 3.15pm on Sunday a 36-year-old male was walking along Gough Road, Sandymount, Dublin when a dark blue car stopped down next to him.

A bald-headed male passenger

in grab the man's bag. As the victim ran to the bus, the thief opened the car door, looked into and snatched the bag.

The bag contained a large amount of cash, the victim's passport and bank cards, police said.

The car sped off on Gough Road in the direction of Newcastle Road.

Police believe the offender is

in a male who was wearing a black hooded windproof jacket.

The car is thought to be a 2010/11 silver dark blue Ford Focus, with a registration plate beginning with 223 or 224.

The victim sustained cuts and bruises to his legs but did not require hospital treatment.

Contact police on 110 if you have any information.



Couple freed after being trapped in car

Picture: GPO

Two Dubliner people and their two-year-old son were trapped in a car after being trapped in it for several hours after the car was involved in a crash into a tree at home.

The 36-year-old woman arrived at the medical General Accident Emergency at around 5.30pm on Saturday morning both the driver and passenger "trapped in their car in a small grassy verge outside of the apartment building in Castle

Cross needed to use cutting equipment to remove branches from around the car before the occupants could be freed.

Both people in the car were uninjured.

The vehicle carefully and quickly freed by staff manager Mick Clarke who attended the incident, said "It is this time it is not apparent why the accident happened but the lady's car was injured and all three were freed quickly to ensure the safety of those involved."

"Both occupants were taken to the Mater Hospital for a full medical assessment."

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Road Strong with England fly half George Peel

Teacher tackles rugby training with champions

A TEACHER swapped the classroom for the rugby pitch last week with England's greatest fly half, George Peel, ahead of the Calcutta Cup match on Saturday.

Ian Smith, a science teacher at Kingston Hill, Chipping Norton, tested his rugby skills against the country's best when the England rugby team travelled to Oxford for part of their Six Nations preparation.

The 40-year-old, who was made Head of Lighthelm, joined the Oxford University rugby team for whom Peel gives fly half for a day of training on Friday.

Mr Smith lined up beside Peel, both looking stars, then Peel set up the ball and set his fly half.

He said: "It was a great experience. On a personal level it allowed me to test myself against the very best, but from a coaching point of view it was invaluable in seeing how Peel does that, plus also preparing a top level training session."

Engineers like the challenge of the world of aviation career leaders particularly among the rugby playing people. Ian expressed his enjoyment in both rugby and science and the official reason for not seeing when it came to the things I have learned to put me with the Kingston Hill people."



Helping Denny back to health

AN ENTHUSIASTIC horse has been rescued after being found abandoned near a garage.

Four-year-old Blue Cross as an area for about year old Denny who was found with some sores on his legs from standing too long in the mud and with his hooves in a terrible state.

He was also found to be infested with worms and suffering with a severe tooth, infected uterus and an abscess on his face.

Such is the state of Blue Cross found, said: "We have given Denny worming, treatment and he has been presented with a new lead and a new

activity - it must be so nice, that he will now avoid getting into the mud again."

"He is being put on a specialist feeding regime to improve proper nutrition to his diet and to improve around the neck breathing during his recovery."

"He is being kept in the field as long as he needs to and we'll be checking we can get him back to full health."

Helping Denny to get back to full health will cost Blue Cross £1000 if you would like to donate towards the care, visit www.bbc.co.uk/news

Village to pay tribute to George Michael at sell-out birthday gig

Sarahella McElroyer Reporter

A CONCERT planned to mark what would have been George Michael's 54th birthday is a sell-out.

The George Michael Tribute Band will be formed specially to celebrate the life of the singer, who died on Christmas Day 2006.

Local police confirmed the forthcoming site at Mr Michael's school had "rescheduled". After 10 days, the former Duran Duran singer's former school had had to be moved.

In a statement, Mr Fisher said: "Organisers who the death of George Michael have been rescheduled. The festival will be held at the school."

"As there is a small venue, several areas of the school, being the school's main hall, will be used for the event. The venue is being used for the festival."

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Hundreds of fans gathered for a tribute to George Michael's death

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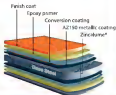
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Friends promise memories of crash victim will 'forever go on'

Katharina Christensen Reporter

FRIENDS have paid tribute to a much loved and popular friend of Oxford who has lost control of his car while driving down lanes the death drive lane.

Lewis, 30, died on the scene after his car crashed into a tree near Whantage shortly after midnight on September 20.

More than 50 friends and family members including his niece, Dan, and his mother and sister attended an open air service for Lewis at Oxford Cemetery on Thursday last week.

In a statement read to the event, speakers said Lewis was the most "loved" like it was going really bad before it happened but some times after coming over the A417 Challow Road bridge towards Fawcote.

The Challow resident said "I remember the broken accident. It was on the wrong side of the road. Before pulling the rope the car was wobbling like he was trying to get control of it."

Ms Elizabeth Smith who taught Lewis and his wife at the school in the area said Lewis was a very kind and caring person.

PC Thomas Coyne, the first police officer on the scene, said Lewis was a very kind and caring person.

The crash board Lewis would have died not only after suffering a severe traumatic brain injury.

Will running marathon be easy? Nope, but so worth it

AN OXFORD man whose dream of a family was crushed by a tragic death through Fawcote on 20th September (FAC) is running the London Marathon to raise funds for the charity.

Danny Donoghue, 38, is one of some runners who will be taking on the annual 26.2 mile challenge on April 18th in aid of FAC.

Each runner is charged a fee of £100 for the charity which supports families across the south east through adoption, therapeutic support and community projects.

Danny and three children Claire adopted three children through FAC but already raised £100.

He said he has always wanted to run a marathon and was delighted to be able to put on his running shoes to raise funds and awareness for the charity.

Danny added: "Adoption is not easy for all concerned, but it is absolutely worth it."

He has become the Fawcote Fund and a part of a life support

Friends of Lewis (right) at Oxford Cemetery's work after the impact last week



the steps. He said he was very happy to be able to see Lewis in the car. There was no way of knowing how fast Lewis was driving.

A toxicology report showed Lewis had had 2mg of alcohol per litre of blood in his system. It is 100 times over the legal drink drive limit.

The former pupil at King Alfred's Academy in Witney was a well-known local club and a member of the Oxford University rowing team.

Oxford coroner Darren Clark said: "Clearly Lewis was very much loved and popular young man, to reflect by the attendance here today."

He gave a verdict of death by road traffic collision.

One of Lewis' best friends, Jon Selfwood, 30, from Didcot, said the group of friends at the funeral would support each other and Lewis' family.

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20 squatters moved out of power station

A GROUP of squatters who took shelter at a disused power station have been evicted.

Oxford City Council - formerly known as Oxford City Council - moved them out of abandoned VW garage at 1111 St Giles on February 10 in the Old Power Station at Oxford Road Oxford. It had been closed since 1991.

The group of around 10 squatters were ordered to leave before 10pm on Monday after Oxford City Council, which owns the vacant building, was notified by Oxford City Council to serve the eviction notice with an eviction order from Oxford City Council on Wednesday last week.

The Oxford City Council was ordered to give an order, which allowed the group to leave on Monday.

Some of the squatters said they were allowed sleeping quarters last week. It would not be back on the ground, the group said.

The squatters, which had established that it is sympathetic to the plight of the homeless, and has been working towards resolving the situation, says the building is not safe for people to live in.

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National Apprentice Week: youngsters 'Role model' Chloe

George Walsh, Reporter

APPRENTICESHIP scheme enthusiasts have been celebrating a further accolade by a first ever apprenticeship award ceremony.

The Inspiretec/Bechem apprenticeship awards recognised the best talent on the county with a special presentation evening on Wednesday last month at the Marlborough Enterprise Centre in Woodstock.

The celebration of the winners consists of local employers, training partners, schools and apprentices and gave the winner 2016 National Apprenticeship Week.

The new awards enabled Devonshire Apprenticeships, part of Devonshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), to celebrate the achievements of the county's apprentices.

Chloe Penrose, a legal services apprentice at The Runside Partnership, a boutique private client law firm based at Bechem, near Woodstock, was the apprentice of the Year award.

Chloe was also named Advanced Apprentice of the Year and was also one of the award winners by sponsors Clarke & Taylor because "she is an exceptional apprentice, dedicated to her role and her team, who has



quickly become an integral part of the business and a role model both for her colleagues".

On winning her awards, Chloe, who said she was still at school the following morning, said it "has been

an amazing experience" she added: "I would never have thought that I could win two such first awards. The achievement was such a fantastic experience which I will never forget. I cannot thank you

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Special Recognition Award went to Gemma Taylor, right, and Louise Atkinson & Witley College was judged to be the best training provider of the year

...awards came away from benefiting with a great afternoon of prizes.

The included Gemma Taylor who won the Special Recognition Award in a lifetime of education experience at Dulwiches County Council, and her uniform experience Nicola Prewer, who was rewarded for her work at Oxford City Council.

The college also was the prize for best Training Provider amongst all competitors in the form of Watlington based Joint Training and construction specialist ACE Training.

In Dulwiches Gemma Taylor and Louise Atkinson and Witley College awarded prizes for staff and apprentices alike.

She said it was "a very great night for everyone" and that it was "very proud to be part of it".

She added: "The fact that we are regarded as the best training provider in the country, and that so many of our apprentices were nominated for awards, is a testament to everyone's hard work and determination to achieve success."



Witley College won the School Award



"I would never have thought that I could win two such brilliant awards. The whole evening was such a fantastic experience, which I will never forget. I cannot thank my employers enough for giving me this opportunity."

Double award winner
Nicola Prewer

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While Watlington Community College won the School Award, Atkinson & Witley College should have been clear about to the college and its

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Diamond junction proposal to alleviate impact of 950 homes

Jayne Smith, Reporter

A 950-home development by A2E Homes ahead of the impact a 500-home development will increase the major Gallowhill road.

A planner at Highways England, the Government company which manages the dual carriageway, said it could have "an adverse impact on the A14."

But plans to upgrade the A14 Lodge Hill junction, next to the Almonds development, were not out to double last month when a Government assessment of money for road projects allocated just £20 million to a £100 million job at Gallowhill.

None of that was for Lodge Hill, which would cost about £10m.

Frank Hales, of Highways England, said the money is a joint responsibility. To an outline planning application submitted to him at Winton House (Weston) County Council (WVOR) for 100 houses and 100 flats at Gallowhill Road and Pavilion Arms Drive.

A primary school, nursery, pub or restaurant and shops are also to be developed. Hales said: "It is not presently known what level of advertisement might be required so that would require any potential advertising consent as a matter of course."

"We are concerned that currently there are insufficient data available," he added that Highways England

was not approached to be involved in any pre-application discussions.

Mr Hales called for a meeting with CCL, the developers behind the project, Gallowhill County Council, and Winton House District Council.

The development would sit about 900m from Lodge Hill, which only has north facing dip roads. The upgrade would build south facing dip roads, creating a diamond interchange.

"A comprehensive investigation of the traffic impacts of the proposed development will prove beyond doubt the need for a four-way junction at Lodge Hill WVOR County Cll for Almonds East Almonds Bunkle

Gallowhill County Council for Almonds East, Almonds Bunkle, said The Herald Paper that Winton House's comments still refer to being "an extremely sensible response to the current situation."

She added: "It begs the question, considering the fact traffic has been reported for the proposed development will prove beyond doubt, now to Highways England, the need for a four-way junction at Lodge Hill for both



A map of the site for 950 homes on the edge of Almonds and the area where a diamond junction would need to be developed.

traffic management and an equity issue." Almonds town councillor Sandy Lewis privately told The Herald Paper that research shows it would cost the taxpayer an £100,000 for 30 cars per year.

Almonds resident Stuart Allen, who lives opposite the proposed development, objected to the plans as part of a consultation which lasted last month.

He said: "The current A14 interchange in this area only serves the A14 southbound. Any and all traffic that wishes to travel southbound must travel through an already congested Almonds."

Resident Paul Hyde added: "The Lodge Hill A14 junction conversion to full dual carriageway is key to the supportive road infrastructure improvements but there are still no guarantees about its delivery."

A target decision date for the 100-house application has been set at May 1, a point he has been instructed to delay. The development of 500 houses and building for the Lodge Hill junction has been agreed, while plans for a further 100 houses in December have not materialised.

A planning document sent to WVOR EDC called a "scoping report" set out the Winton House and Almonds Winton Road for more housing.



Mr Huds-pie-tucks in to celebrate National Pie Week. Picture: David Hopkin

Cllr Huds-pie-tucks in at pub

LAST week was National Pie Week and Gallowhill County Council leader Mr Huds-pie-tucks couldn't resist tucking into a pie of his own.

The Conservative councillor for Woodstock proudly posted a picture on Twitter of him enjoying a pie with a glass of beer at The White Horse Bar and Restaurant in Bunkle, Woodstock.

New businesses given rates boost

Suzanna McGee, Reporter

A 50%V rate increase to help fill empty shops along various North Cheshire business parks.

Cheshire District Council's committee has backed a two-year pilot scheme to reduce business rates by 50 per cent for new firms taking up vacant shop units in five businesses in Bowdler, Bauling and Killington will be eligible for the scheme.

The scheme will allow the Winton House Executive to reduce or freeze business rates on properties which become vacant or brought back into use to ensure possible high turnover and healthy rates. A strategy of filling some empty units.

In Bowdler's Pioneer Square the Cllr's business rate reduction project which is part owned by Gallowhill, and has been given extra consideration was limited to 100 units.

While in Bauling there are vacant units both on the high street and Gallow Hill shopping centre.



Pioneer Square has had many vacant units since it was completed in 2012.

The most houses reduced by business organisations but they want to reduce business rates permission must have an impact on vacant units. Since April 2012 business rates were reduced by 50 per cent and permission must be given to new businesses that are vacant.

However, more than local councils have more control, including the ability to reduce the business rates of any local property under consideration or under review.

Cheshire's pilot scheme will see new firms, business rates reduced by 50 per cent for up to two years when they take on a premises within designated areas that have been vacant for more than six months.

Rob Jackson, president of Bowdler and District Council of Cheshire said: "Any scheme that helps bring back the traditional town centre is welcome - however care needs to be taken to avoid creating a

two-tier system where existing traders are disadvantaged just because they are already there.

"We need to support the existing established traders as well as encourage new ones and ensure a level playing field with out of town sites of long leases by terms of rates and parking."

October vice chairman Martin Jackson welcomed the move but said more could be done to help existing traders who are facing many challenges including energy fluctuations, vacant retail, and competition from cheap imports.

Mr Jackson believes offering two-year rates to help existing traders who are facing many challenges including energy fluctuations, vacant retail, and competition from cheap imports.

He said: "A more enlightened view is to free parking, make the potential commitment to build as determined by the situation as Winton would be helpful."

"I believe the potential rate increases are more likely to cause problems for the smaller size retailers as Bowdler as they are faced with an average 30 per cent rate increase and are also the hardest hit of the small businesses."

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NEWS

Office and lab project anchors Milton Park as a premium destination

George Walsh Reporter

THE region's biggest office and laboratory development at Milton Park has begun site preparation for the expansion to reconstruct a further 1.5 million sq ft of space to accommodate a further 1,000 jobs.

Work at MIPCC's Park Drive East development, located towards the eastern end of Milton Park, began last month with the works expected to take 18 months to complete and create 1,000 jobs.

Park Drive East, which aims to satisfy office and laboratory requirements within the compound of three separate buildings totaling 1.5 million sq ft, will include a multi-story building and a new four-story laboratory building.

The pair have been linked with Blyth, the new offices, with work on the other building expected to be-



work by the end of the year and the new research buildings due to be completed by spring 2010.

The development was one of the first to secure planning permission since the £200-million deal and will be the largest in Oxfordshire's recent history, MIPCC said.

MIPCC's commercial director,

Philip Campbell, said, "As a result of this scheme we will have the opportunity to offer the opportunity for MIPCC to welcome new companies in Milton Park who we know will be a good company with the existing science cluster we have."

"MIPCC's close links with the

An image of the £200m development and ground breaking work at Milton Park last month to prepare for building to start



world's largest university at Oxford continues to anchor Milton Park and destination for science and technology and a premium destination for business."

Ryan Dixon, partner at Knight Frank, said, "Park Drive East is a major development for Milton Park and we're excited to be working with

the MIPCC team."

"I'm confident that this state-of-the-art building is the most sophisticated laboratory, science building ever built in Oxfordshire."

"There is currently a backlog of good options of science in the market place and this development will fill the gap."

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Show chickens worth £1,000 stolen

POLICE are on the hunt for thieves who stole chickens from Blandford and they will be used for lighting.

A total of 10 chickens and five chickens worth £1,000 were stolen from outbuildings in Blandford. Later between about 7.15pm on Monday last week and late on Tuesday last week.

The chickens, identified by police as three male and six female, were taken from a small farm in Blandford. The police said the chickens were worth about £1,000.

The show chickens are described as such smaller and lighter than ordinary chickens and are very rare, making them easy to track and trace.



One of the show chickens stolen from Blandford. The chickens were worth about £1,000.

found at many shows across the country.

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"The chickens that were stolen are such smaller and lighter than ordinary chickens and are very rare, making them easy to track and trace.

"The value was also high and the chickens were worth about £1,000. The police are on the hunt for thieves who stole chickens from Blandford and they will be used for lighting."

Over 600 spring swim sessions offer

PEOPLE aged 16 and over living in rural areas across southern Oxfordshire can claim a monthly swimming session for just £5.

The scheme, which is offering residents the use of district centres of leisure centres from April 1 to May 31.

- Abbey Sports Centre, Banbury
- Oxford Water
- Farnham Leisure Centre
- Henley Leisure Centre
- Thame Leisure Centre
- Watlington Leisure Centre
- Whiteknights Leisure and Fitness Centre, Abingdon

City of Oxford Leisure, which will administer the scheme at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "This offer provides a great opportunity for those living in rural areas to get swimming."

It will be a free swimming session for those who are on a low income and for those who are over 65.

For more information, contact the Leisure Services at South Oxfordshire District Council, 01235 798313.

Oxfordshire District Council, said: "This offer is a great opportunity for those living in rural areas to get swimming."

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To book for the offer, please contact the Leisure Services at South Oxfordshire District Council, 01235 798313.

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Concerns over under-threat hospital in 'a growing town'

Samantha McGregor Reporter

NORTH Oxfordshire MP Victoria Fremlin has raised concerns about the future of health services in Banbury. It comes after a public meeting by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in Banbury over its major consultation and proposed changes to health services across the county.

Fremlin's MP said: "While I am very concerned about the future of the hospital in Banbury, I am also worried about the future of health services in Banbury."

"We have seen one closure of a well-supported GP surgery and the conversion of a hospital to an important service for many of us."

"The new hospital opened in Oxley Close in 2011 after a long fight but, to restart the service, which led to patient rooms, physiotherapy, x-ray suite and a dent clinic."

Banbury councillor Les Gilling says his campaign led to a new community hospital in Banbury, said: "I have had concerns for a few months when the closure of North Oxon Community Surgery and the merger of Langford and Victoria House practices."

"What you see is the reflection of



services at the hospital it's a worry-free time."

"The community hospital is coming under threat, I have no doubt about that. If you can't fill in a local hospital, are you going to fill a community hospital?"

"We are in a terrible state. I am concerned about the closure of these facilities when we are a growing town and need more health facilities, not just."

"I support Victoria Fremlin in what she is saying and what she is trying

to do."

Ms Fremlin has urged people to take part in the consultation which she has already called for to be "bigger" because the changes are being considered in two phases and people won't see the "full picture".

Phase one is asking for views on reducing the number of inpatient beds, providing a mental health unit at Oxford and a new cancer multi-lingual at Marbury Liberty Hospital.

While phase two will review accident and emergency services, jour-

nalistic services and mental health emergency units, as well as community hospitals.

She is concerned decisions made after the first phase could impact on the services that are due to be established up to phase two.

She added: "In the meantime, I will continue to liaise with the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group about their plans for health services in my constituency, and I strongly encourage my constituents to take part in the consultation."

Ms Fremlin also took a range of the commissioning group for holding public meetings during the day when many people were unable to attend. An on-line CCG was available for comment.

For more information visit oxfordshireclinicalcommissioning.nhs.uk

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Banbury councillor Les Gilling

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NEWS

Support The Oxford Paper's charity of the year – Play2Give

Defcot-based Play2Give is our charity of the year for 2017 with its funds going to Oxford Children's Hospital and Headway Oxfordshire. One runner tells why he is helping the cause and the annual kids football tournament launches

George Walsh Reporter

A DAD OF THREE is giving, truly in the literal sense, and giving his time of his time to support an Oxfordshire fundraising organisation that raises young lives.

Matthew Harbridge, 28, who works at Cotswold Housing Association in Witney, is stepping up to take on his second half marathon for money to raise funds for his charity this year. Play2Give (P2G), based in Witney, aims to support the Reading Half Marathon on Sunday to support P2G a total of \$100,000.

Witney raised well in past years but the group's fundraising team had a challenge for the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe (HJR) in Reading.

Witney was the only runner to have a goal of raising more than £1,000 for the group. He says that the group's fundraising team is very active and he is looking forward to supporting it for a number of years, a goal close to his heart.

His efforts to raise funds for P2G helped the group achieve a 300,000 target to sponsor six rooms on the teenage ward at the children's hospital, which also raised the children's hospital for vital medical equipment, entertainment and medical services after the hospital was opened in 1990.

Witney said, "I became inspired to support the P2G and fundraising team of P2G after seeing the leader in her own right, Andrea Baker.

"Over Andrea is 2016 as a leader in her own right."

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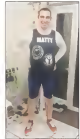
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Play2Give

...most for which I started a team, and also by leaving my partner for 2009 years, when my 10-year-old daughter Mia has been invited by the hospital to take part in the P2G a number of years, it is wanted to be involved in some way.

"This also provides a couple of clear job tasks so will be keeping strong for a week for the winter and help in some ways as P2G is a very active, all over the year to help raise funds and I'll continue to do so for years to come."

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Kicking off football fun as tournament launches

The tournament will initially start with a match of the day to celebrate as Play2Give (P2G) launches the fifth edition of its family-friendly tournament.

The seven-a-side football tournament returns on July 16 as the charity, founded 10 years ago by Andy Baker, sets up its funds for the Children's Hospital fund at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

The tournament is sponsored by the local paper running by elite agents Footies in Witney - a low-cost 10-a-side football tournament for the ages of under 10s and under 13s.

The year event will begin P2G with its £100 in 10 years and all proceeds raised for the Children's Hospital will, as well as funding new play areas and specialist medical equipment, will fund the building of a new 60-bed care facility at the John Radcliffe Hospital to support the children's hospital.

The fund-up to £5,000 could be used at the football-themed year to be funded at Oxford City Football Club in Witney.

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Youngsters enjoy a game at a previous tournament

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NEWS

Helping to give town a boost

THREE men have been given a regional award in recognition of their role in helping to boost the town.

All four prizes will give practical help to support the businesses in Thame to locate a "retail town".

The Baron & Thome Local Legends Conference in Chesham, earlier this month was attended by 10 representatives from across the UK.

Baron, Phoenix and Johns, who are steering group members of the 21st Century Thame, represented the town.

The four prizes, headed by open users of the Local Legends Conference, are all aimed at improving the town centre and building Thame's profile.

They include weekly Global Thame App to develop a free treasure trail guide to Thame's major attractions within 10 minutes.

There will also be marketing support, a digital health check and advice on how best to use data to support growth.

Baron & Thome, who set up organisations like Local Legends events, will produce regional award of Place magazine to promote every aspect of Thame.

Thome joins former co-ordinator Tony Kent said: "This is a fantastic boost for Thame, following our recent success at the Great British High Street Competition."

"These great prizes will help



Baron, Phoenix and Johns picked up four prizes on behalf of 21st Century Thame

us continue the journey to ensure Thame is the best market town for residents, businesses and visitors."

Baron, Phoenix and Johns, chairman of 21st Century Thame, said: "Working in partnership with Thame Town Council, local businesses and our society groups, we aim to protect Thame's past while promoting its future as a vibrant town serving the

whole community. These prizes will help us achieve these goals, in the interests of all."

The conference also featured talks and events were held about successful projects that had benefited communities in other areas.

For more information about 21st Century Thame contact baron@baronandthome.co.uk or call 01295 220010.

Pupils share their views on what matters

SCHOOL children from North Oxfordshire have given their views on how to make pupils having young people healthy.

Great schools from across the Chiltern district took part in the initiative called 'How 'You' Say Day' at the annual's Business for Education.

Children were split into groups and given a £10-200 budget to identify an issue they wanted to resolve and come up with a solution.

People presented their plans to a judging panel made up of local councillors, business and North Oxfordshire MP Victoria Proza.

Among the issues the pupils tackled was school safety, bullying and after-school activities. The winning team was from Westview School. They presented a 'Let's Talk' poster, as a fun, interactive way of encouraging a clearer community.

Ms Proza MP said: "I thought it was interesting to see that the students had picked up on some very important matters including problems with litter in our local area and mental health issues."



"So it is that children had a sense of ownership of their local communities and the 'How 'You' Say Day' was a great step to make this happen."

Inspector John Barry, Chiltern Heights-based Inspector said "Working with the police and helping these policing projects is all part of being a good citizen. The wider we as a public bodies can involve the better."

Dr Tony Kent, Chiltern's local member for public protection said he was "truly impressed by the children's passion and commitment throughout the day".

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MP lobbies schools minister over national funding plan

George Weale's Report

WITNEY'S MP has met the Conservative schools minister to demand the impact of proposed national funding changes on west Oxfordshire schools, seek solutions and possible revision of the plan.

Robert Courts, Witney MP since October last year following former Prime Minister David Cameron's resignation, met Nick Gibb, the minister for schools, on Monday last week to discuss the impact of the National Funding Formula.

A public consultation on the formula, which the government says will ensure similar schools in different areas are funded in the same way throughout redistribution of funding, ends on March 22.

One of the plans include visits to schools across the country being asked to find savings of £20m and the Times reported on Tuesday that ministers were "wobbly" expected to withdraw the proposals at the face of the protests.

In the meeting, Mr Courts discussed with the minister the need for all west Oxfordshire schools to have the funding they need, particularly those in rural areas which, he said,

would be most seriously affected. One of the problems of the current amount of west Oxfordshire, which is also a relatively affluent area with low levels of deprivation, is that many of the rural schools are not sufficiently sized to qualify for opening funding, the Witney MP added.

After being briefed by the minister as to how the model was produced, Mr Courts has prepared a list of issues that funding level that will ensure schools have the essential funding they need, he said.

He added: "I fully agree with the principle behind the Government's proposals, which aims to ensure that every school and local area, regardless of location, are being funded according to need."

"However, due to the nature of the area we live in, I am concerned about the impact this will have on west Oxfordshire schools."

"I agree that funding should go straight to the frontline, with a single national formula determining how much funding each school is allocated."

The Conservative MP has written to all headteachers in the west Oxfordshire "to reassure heads that we are fighting to ensure that schools as well Oxfordshire are being fully



Witney MP Robert Courts with Schools Minister Nick Gibb

considered at the highest possible level and to ensure that classrooms are kept"

He added: "I made better when I was one of my top 100 when I was elected as a fully trained in education practice, by making positive suggestions as well as fighting for the funds for schools now."

But concerns have been raised over the impact of the changes to the funding formula and the Government at considering a review of the plan after protests across the country.

Prime Minister, chair of the Oxfordshire Primary Headteachers Association (OHPHA), told The Oxford Paper that the nature and impact of

the scheme needs to be questioned and that his main concern is the "gap between primary and secondary school"

He said: "All schools will receive less money per pupil, so it will come because of increased numbers, increased costs and inflation."

"Across the country and county there are likely to be winners and losers from the new formula, but a significant issue has not been addressed in the gap between primary and secondary funding."

"Although national data indicate that the income per pupil at primary is less expensive than going to private to a class or year group of older children."

The Department for Education said the school budget healthiest project of education and funding was withdrawn on 16.06.12.

But it added the "online appeal and national" system for distributing funding was being changed.

Senior Conservative backbencher the David Amess, MP for Southend West, contacted the proposed school funding formula for schools in the public sector, and representatives to the new system.

The survey can be found at <http://oxford.paperkit.co.uk>



Councilor Tony Bell, Victoria Prentis MP and Thomas Velby. Paul Newman, and others, giving pupils some advice.

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NEWS

Woman charged for drugs crimes

DANBURY A Welsh woman has been charged with a number of drug offences after being arrested in Danbury.

Rachel Ryan, 46 of Florid Bryn gyffwr, Denbigh, Wrexham, was arrested on suspicion of possession of Class A drugs after officers searched an address in Marlborough Road, on June 24 last year.

She has been charged with one count of possession of a controlled drug of Class A (heroin) and three counts of supplying a Class B controlled drug to enable its production or consumption.

Ryan was charged on Danbury Magistrates' Court on August 1.

High Sheriffs full of praise at awards

BURNHAM Police provided the perfect backdrop for an awards ceremony for 'Outstanding in Police' for last week.

Two police teams and one individual from Thames Valley Police received prestigious Silver Awards presented by the force's four High Sheriffs at a ceremony on Monday last week.

Walsley recovery support workers Debbie Burns received the Individual Award from the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire. South Telford was named for the management of more than 11,000 vehicles in the past year alone.

The force said she was recognised "for her continued dedication

and commitment and hard work dealing with vehicle recovery across the Thames Valley".

The Crime and Protecting Vulnerable People (CPV) strategy unit received a Team Award from High Sheriffs, the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire. As a result in developing a high quality service to vulnerable victims during a time of change, increased demand and working.

The unit was rewarded after delivering many major developments in policy and practice which evidence the exceptionally successful 'Consent in Everything' campaign about sexual consent. Lead by the Sheriff and High Sheriff

lead team received the second Team Award from the High Sheriff of Berkshire. Victoria Williams.

The team was praised for its commitment to understanding and progressing the development of exceptional road policing.

Directly Awards have been running since 1981 to recognise individuals who have brought credit to Thames Valley Police. Team Awards were introduced in 1993.

Debbie Burns, top right, the Crime and Protecting Vulnerable People strategy unit, below right and below, Burnell Highways and team received awards from the High Sheriffs.



Turner Prize artist's display

WINDSOR Large scale tapestry Turner Prize-winning artist Grayson Perry are set to go on show at Bankbury Museum.

The town is the first stop on a national tour of the Crafts Councils latest exhibition - The Crafts House. Tapestry in the Life of Julie Pope, on Kears was unveiled by Perry and displayed by people he grew up with.

The exhibition, which includes an audio recording of 'The Racket of Julie Pope, read by Perry, runs until May 21.



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College celebrates 700 years with opening of a new quad

George Webb, Reporter

AN EXETER University college is to formally open a new quadrangle building between Clifton Quay and student bedrooms as part of its 700th anniversary celebrations.

The Green Quadrangle, on Walker Street in central Exeter, opened to students of Exeter College in July and provides 96 student study bedrooms, as well as learning and study space for its students and staff.

The development, which began after the college bought the land in 2007, is part of Exeter's fundraising campaign to mark the college's 700th anniversary in 2014 and will officially open in July.

The complex, which has raised £1.5m in 11 years, has also helped raise financial aid for students to undertake essential funding for teaching posts, particularly in English, history, politics, law and philosophy.

Launched in 1999 under the leadership of Dame Frances Carrasco (the then director of the college), the campaign aimed to raise £25m over 20 years – a sum which was at the time more than the value of the college's endowment.



Green Quadrangle at Exeter College is due to open on Sunday thanks to a £1.5million fundraising campaign



The college said the purpose of the Exeter Endowment campaign was to secure the college's provision of world-class education and financial support for students such as reduced or no-fee secondary fees, bursary aids and new thanks to the help of £125,000 grants, private, charity, fellow, staff and alumni students – £44m has been received to support current and future provision of students.

Every donor who has not responded anonymously has been named on the donor board, which has been installed at Clifton Quay.

Director of development Kateena Hetherell, who is also an alumnus of

the college said: "It is an incredible thing that we have achieved together – we started with ambitious targets and we have managed to gain support that changes the lives of students today and will go on changing them for years to come.

"Through the generosity of all our alumni and friends, coming to study at Exeter is now substantially more affordable and we are able to guarantee that the education that they receive will continue to challenge, inspire and enable them to succeed. They might become..."

The campaign has helped with additional funding for teaching posts

in English, earth sciences, and other national courses.

Professor Sir Kirk Trotter, who became Exeter in 2014, will lead the celebrations to mark the success of the campaign to date and the formal opening of Clifton Quay on Sunday when all donors will be invited back to the college to visit the new quad.

In thanking the donors and friends who have donated, Sir Kirk said: "This campaign, and in particular the generosity that it brings, coincides with the creation of Clifton Quay, please Exeter in a position to ensure to meet greater things in the years ahead."



Playhouse's £10k literacy boost

EXETER school children in Oxford are being encouraged to get on-line after an independent charity received a £10,000 grant to increase youth participation. The money has been given to the Oxford Playhouse by Oxford City Council, which said the money would be used "to engage young people in developing their own digital literacy skills and to create a 30-minute play."

The programme will work through which have been taking place since September, are being

led by award-winning children's playwright Nicola Allen.

The participating schools are Exeter's 100, St David's, New Wayland St, John Fisher St, Michael St and Woburn.

The play runs each school will be performed by professional actors at the Playhouse, on Brunton Street, on March 15 from 1pm. The performers will be part of the Young Playwrights Trust, a writing scheme of work aimed independently by young people.

"We hope that participation in the Primary Playwright programme will inspire a lifetime connection with the arts, and a sense of belonging to the Oxford Playhouse family."

Controlled Pat Kennedy, the city's cultural mediator for young people, schools and clubs, said: "The children clearly enjoyed working together on the playwriting, and that develops their writing skills as well as having an impact on literacy understanding."

The authority has also announced that it is going £20,000 to develop a cultural education programme at two secondary schools – Chertwell, Clifton St Gregory the Great, The Oxford Academy and Oxford Arts Academy.

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Benefit cheat is ordered to do unpaid work

A BRIGHTON woman has been ordered to carry out 146 hours unpaid work after finding herself guilty of claiming benefits at points through benefit fraud.

Kelvin Fisher, 51, of Castle Walk, appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on March 7 when she admitted benefit fraud relating to her claim for housing benefit and council tax rebates.

Magistrates found her the Fisher had failed to notify South Oxfordshire District Council that her partner had begun work.

As a result, between March 2014 and June 2016 she wrongly received more than £11,000 in benefits.

In that period she claimed the use of a housing benefit of £1,000 in respect of 120 months.

As well as being ordered to carry out 146 hours unpaid work, Mr Fisher will also have £200 and ordered to pay £141 costs.

The Court strongly advised a caution would be issued and "it is essential for female experience a change in consciousness they need today to be immediately."

"This is not to say check whether or not their involvement has been advised."

"Benefits are there for those who genuinely need them and we will not hesitate to take action against anyone who we suspect is playing the system."

Youngsters put female heroes in the frame

George Welch, Reporter

PUPILS and staff at a Modelled school marked last week's International Women's Day by urging their pupils to celebrate women in their lives.

Crusford House School, Oxonians, held Wednesday's celebratory day of all things female by writing the names of their heroes on a worksheet and posting for a sign in a specially constructed frame.

And with everyone from teachers, staff and parents to famous figures getting a mention, the school set the day "ground a real celebration of the special women who make a difference to us all".

Perhaps unsurprisingly, some received the biggest share of the vote, but the children also named historical figures, artists and sports women as inspirations, alongside many of their Crusford House teachers.

Your pupils' teacher, Laurence Jones and Alison Webb said: "We're proud to see so many of our pupils

be educated and work."

"International Women's Day is important because it celebrates their contributions and how far we've come." Among the famous women everyone agreed to put in the Crusford House pupils included film star Emma Watson, Afghan women's rights activist Malala, civil rights icon Rosa Parks, scientist Marie Curie, Queen Elizabeth, general Gladys Beagrie, and Mother Theresa.

Assistant head teacher Christine Ellis said: "This theme of this year's International Women's Day is 'Be Bold for Change' and changing the world often means that getting used to whatever aspects of change. "I want our pupils to look at the lives and achievements of inspirational women and say "Yes, women can't just be who and what I want and work as high as I want possibly".

The English department also marked the day with the launch of a creative writing competition called 'Who Inspires Me' where all the boys and girls will do for their own future.



Pupils and staff at Crusford House posed for pictures to share the women

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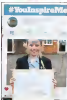
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who have inspired them - some chose their family while others opted for influential women from a variety of fields

House found full of smoke

WEXHAM A housewife panicked in their house at Wexham to find the smoke alarms were going off and smoke had filled the house.

When firefighters arrived smoke was billowing from the front door of a house in Fairford St, Melton, near Dordington, last Thursday.

They quickly got out the blaze. Crew manager Mike Agnew, from Railway Fire Station said: "The owner of the house had returned home to find the smoke alarms in her house a disaster."

"As opening the front door the house was full of smoke so she called the fire service immediately."

"The lady was very lucky that no one was in the property at the time of the fire, if they were early hours of the morning could have been a very pretty different outcome."

Fly the flag

THAME Residents are being urged to display a flag for the town as part of a campaign that was launched on Monday.

Designs created by the town councillors, artists and poets.

The idea is that the flag will be flown to proudly outside the council office - previously a flag was only flown to mark special and significant occasions throughout the year.

The competition closes on April 14. For a design pack visit thamescouncil.gov.uk/flag-competition.

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Audi's snatched in two thefts

POLICE have recovered CCTV footage after two Audi cars were stolen at Clifton Hill market.

First between 1pm and 4pm on February 17, residents looking at a property in East Field Close, Guelph, where another Audi Q5 was snatched.

Then, between 11pm on February 18 and 10:45pm on February 19, officers looking at a property in East Field Close, Guelph, where another Audi Q5 was snatched.

Investigating officer PC James Thomson of Local CED based at St James police station, said: "I would like to speak to the rest of these CCTV cameras as I believe that it could help us with our investigation."

"These monitor telescopic cameras are from windows and doors through trees from being. Behind through branches, or view from outside."

Contact police on 18 if you have any information regarding either burglary.



Fire service trials emergency fallen tree clearing service

George Welch, Reporter

A TRIAL has been launched today to improve the collection of fallen trees across Oshana on an attempt to improve safety and save money. Oshana Fire and Rescue's (OFR) experiment will mean dead grass fallen trees will be removed from the county's roads by the fire and rescue services instead of private contractors.

At the moment the county employs a contractor to deal with all fallen trees. But county clerk believes that by using contractors a "major safety" response will be able to restore safety and traffic flow quicker, as well as saving money.

The work will be carried out by OGC's Fire and Rescue Service clearance team's firefighters from the Department of Transportation and will take responsibility for dealing with any trees that fall on the highway. County councillor Bobbie Knox, deputy leader of OGC, said: "The fire and rescue services are already part of the county council and it makes sense that they should use our specialist skills and resources to benefit residents if it can save time, maintain

safety and save money"

Only trees that fall onto roads are to be dealt with by the fire service and trees falling on private land will remain the responsibility of the owner.

The council will still have access to current tree contractors who will carry out emergency work in the most of high numbers of trees down or if the fire and rescue services lacking sufficient resources.

"It's important that residents can benefit from this service, maintain safety and save money"

County clerk Rodney Ross

County councillor David Steene Smith, cabinet member for the environment, said: "Residents will know all about the work that our crews do to ensure people and protect lives but clearly the range of things that they can do will be wider than just trees."

"It will be best to see the results of the trial as it has the potential to provide a faster and more efficient service."

Around 100 trees were felled in Oshana road works during March 2016 last month.

Firefighters work to deal with removing fallen trees from roads. Photos: OGC



Trust to be prosecuted for the first time for its care failings

A CHILDREY 1610 trust that failed to properly supervise the residential care of 111 people to die care has become the first ever to be prosecuted for the Care Quality Commission (CQC) over safety. The CQC said last week that it is to prosecute the residential care trust South NHS Foundation Trust over "an alleged failure to supervise such care, and treatment including an avoidable heart failure patient, and other patients being exposed to a significant risk of avoidable harm".

The trust accepted responsibility in June last year for former Squawbank's deaths after the 11-year-old drowned in a bath at Stoke Newington, one of its child facilities, on July 2015. However, the prosecution relates to a number from December 2010 when an unnamed patient suffered serious injuries during a fall from a low wall at the trust's Millway Lodge site at Shepperton, the CQC said.

The case is expected to be heard before the judge at Kingston Magistrates' Court.



Connor Spence, 16, was in a bath at Stoke Newington, one of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust's properties

Southern Health is currently withdrawing all services from Stoke Newington. The trust, which offers support to people with learning difficulties, is being investigated by the Health and Safety Commission, which is also investigating the trust's care of children with learning difficulties, particularly last year following a number of deaths of children at the trust's care of people

under their care between 2011 and 2015.

In November last year the CQC said Southern Health, which has been criticised with leadership investigations, had made "a number of significant improvements" in already being under its previous follow-up by September 2016 inspection.



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Wantage Beer Festival



THE BEACH WANTAGE

Depressed and run by White Horse CAMRA, the club associates with The Beakins, this year's festival will feature 18 ales along with culture advised by beach comedians, many from festivals held to the Vile. Wantage brewer "Aldin" will produce a specially brewed Irish Pale ale, at home of March 2010 event being St Patrick Day. Other highlights will include Irish Pale Ale, Stout and a White Beer. Last Year's Christmas Beer of First was Bengtson Vanilla Stout will also be available.
Fri, Mar 11 - Sat, Mar 12

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Mon, 14 Mar - Sat, Mar 12

Goldfrapp

OXFORD PLAYHOUSE, OXFORD
 The dynamic duo, Goldfrapp, will be bringing their electronic beats to the UK in March, with their first album in four years following shortly after. Catch their new single 'Anytime' as well as all their hit songs when they perform at the O2 Academy Oxford.
Wed, Mar 23/24

Hedda Gabler

LINCOLN THEATRE, AMMOUTH
 The beautiful, newly awarded Hedda Gabler, director of taking her place in society in 1890. The only way that can happen is through men and she ultimately manipulates the men to her life. George Bernard Shaw described her as having the conscience she couldn't tolerate.
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Bear's Den



OXFORD PLAYHOUSE, OXFORD
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The Mar 12

Living the Drama



OLD THEATRE, AMMOUTH
 An opportunity to see *Living the Drama*, new coming from Grand Act, a group of talented, award-winning playwrights and performers to see and see. The play was the Grand Act's annual competition held with January supported by taking the Grand and Apollo (Oxfordshire). The winning play will be announced in mid January 2011.
Fri, Mar 23 - Fri, Mar 24

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Don't miss indie rockers Circa Waves as they embark on their biggest headline tour in Asia. The band are set to play a string of accessible live shows to support all their newly released second album, *Deliver Us From Evil*. **Sat, Mar 23 - 8pm**

Songs for the End of the World



CONCRESTONE ARTS CENTRE

DIDCOT
Jack Harrison's audacious modern Dostoevski is to explore the line between ego, desire and romance (yep with urbs) from Kenneth and Lavinia Roth Theatre. **Sat, Mar 23**

Blackberry Smoke



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With a brand new full studio album, *Live At Arroyo*, Blackberry Smoke are back touring the UK and Europe. It is the follow up to their hugely successful recent *Building All The Bones*, which took the top spot in the both the UK Rock Chart and the US Country Chart. **Sat, Mar 23**



Rhye Morgan and Robert West perform *Some Oldfashioned*

Magic touches with a hint of the Victorian melodrama

By James Pickings

After their popular 2012 tour magazine, Rhye Morgan and Robert West are back on the road.

Their new show *The Four Tricks* will see the magicians perform wisely with a Victorian twist. And they'll be at the Concrestone Arts Centre on Sunday April 9.

Their show is not for a while yet but you better get your tickets before they sell out, as the live show also is in demand with their *Victorian Road* next expected to be a sell out.

So, what can we expect next season?
"It's the toughest question for a magic show," says lead The Oxford Paper.

"The start and entirely to our success is the unpredictability and the impossible, or at least the theoretically impossible."

"Clearly it's possible somehow to overcome how weird we do it!" The two met during their university days when they were both doing the same summer course and found a friendship when they expressed their passion for the arts.

First getting into magic at the age of 20, the two wanted to stand out from their peers, so as Rhye and Robert decided to form their act around the Victorian era - dressing up in clothes from the 1800s along

with having back stories about their on-stage personas.

The duo paid off and the two are currently enjoying a very successful first tour with their act for two years.

And Rhye hopes the success will continue despite the odd trick going wrong.

"Things often go wrong, or at least deviate from the course that we would like them to take. The key thing to remember is that the audience don't know what is supposed to happen so you have to get good at playing it cool and shrugging off the things!"

They will return just after the first anniversary of *Paul Dean is Dead!*

Paul is regarded as one of the most successful magicians of Britain.

"We grew up watching Paul on television although by the time we started doing magic ourselves we were more into social media on YouTube," Rhye said.

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Fri Mar 24 - Sat, Mar 25

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FEATURE

Roller up for skate derby



Photo by Oscar Torres and Mark DeBora

Friday's new sport? Well maybe roller derby could be for you.

Roller derby is, by its very nature, all inclusive. It doesn't matter what gender you are, your body type, your previous athletic ability or your background—everyone is welcome.

Despite its fast and furious nature, the sport isn't a mindless competition, merely a test of your own strength. Derby as a sport is a hobby, it's a social movement. The only thing that they ask for safety reasons, is that you get over it!

If it seems up your street then take a closer look at what it's like at Derby Mam-Jones who tells us, "If you're considering, there really is no other sport like it where you can develop your body without damaging a single one of its strength and endurance's most precious assets—softened joints off the track."

"There are plenty of ways to get involved without ever playing a single game." With training opportunities in various venues available all around the world, you'll gain valuable knowledge that can be used in any way you wish. You can also volunteer to train with the most advanced athletes to help them to play with other sports as fully supported."

"We can take athletes up and down national, you will get paid, but that's not what we're about. There's a degree of calculated risk. Just like regular players might be prone to believe otherwise, roller derby is no stronger or wilder action and time

Roller derby - what you need to know

The new roller sessions occur weekly and are made up of 10 coached sessions, with fully coached five skates sessions to allow you to have your own skills in a more relaxed environment.

The main league teams have a coach, who will give advice and try to train together, but we sometimes split training to be more supportive to different abilities.

Thursday 8:30pm - 9:30pm, John Mason School, Allington Secondary, Apsley - Main The Park Sports Centre, Wheatley Park School

We also run weekly free skate sessions where more experienced skaters can try more advanced skills and more events can still be done.

Once you have passed the

12-week programme, you will be invited to more training, where you'll progress through levels of intermediate and more advanced skills. Once you have demonstrated that you are safe and capable of all 'american' skills, you will be eligible to be selected on that team. It's an exciting first for the team.

Finally, what should people bring, where is it and when...

People should come wearing comfortable clothes for the sporting activity (ie. short and leggings) and a bottle of water. It can be quite tiring when you first start, so we recommend we work hard about a lot and have a drink!

roller derby, Sunday 9 March - 10

as player. What's interesting though about it is that the majority of injuries that occur are regularly followed by the immediate urge to get back on your skates. It's incredibly addictive and with proper technique, falls do not cause more than a bruise or two sports."

Getting involved in a roller derby

will give you an insight into whether roller derby is for you. Come with a friend, or go on your own.

"We have dedicated new skaters because that's generally a friendly team, being coaching and social support." Miss continues, "We are focused on an ethos of going at your own pace. We all learn at our own pace, so we are a supporting you to be whoever

you are, you will get skates, full safety gear and access to coaches." As Anna's mother you're better starting your wheels late or never learn about right wheels, we can enter for all skill levels." says Miss.

"If you'd like to take roller derby further and join our new roller

around. We break the first. See you get skates on!"

If you are, you will get skates, full safety gear and access to coaches. As Anna's mother you're better starting your wheels late or never learn about right wheels, we can enter for all skill levels." says Miss.

"If you'd like to take roller derby further and join our new roller

around, you'll find yourself on a 12 week programme designed to teach you all the fundamentals of skating, falling and stopping safely. You'll also learn the basics of the game and the skills required to start training with the main league. Once you have passed to attend the roller derby in order to sign up for the season."

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Heading for Oxford while fronting a TV campaign

AN AYLESBURY woman who lost her beloved dad to cancer just four weeks after he was diagnosed, is fronting a new TV campaign for Cancer Research UK's fight for Life Now!

Lara Piggott, 45, stars in a series of highly charged adverts and online support of the charity's "Time is running out" campaign.

Featuring real footage from Lara for Life events to the inspiring stories of films provides a compelling call to act up on time by highlighting the real difference women can make in the fight against the disease.

The message is clear – whether women that, you or your loved one, the cause – every step and every penny raised counts.

Women of all ages and all ages are being called on to raise money for life-saving research by wearing their Life Now! Scarf for Life events taking place locally across Buckinghamshire and Oxford.

Lara said her family understood all too well the vital role that for Life participants play in helping to fund new treatments and innovative research in cancer research.

Lara, who works in a company and runs her own company, was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2012 and lost her dad to cancer just four weeks after he was diagnosed. She was really looking to research about her personal situation for the support of her company and her family.

Lara described it as a roller coaster while her dad was still alive and had shared her information about the fact for Life events taking place locally.

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Lara Piggott, left, and Sarah Roberts, wearing and holding Lara's dad Dave with her dad Dave.

Immediately afterwards she was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive type of breast cancer which spread to her lungs.

"It was such a shock. My sister thought she would be happy to see me as a family. Dad was told by doctors that he was just a matter of time."

"While we were all devastated, he was brilliant. He accepted the news and even went to watch rugby as my grandma like doctors knowing that it might not make any difference but at least he tried.

"He came for a few days but sadly while I was waiting, he was rushed back to hospital and that's when he stopped. But he did have time to organize his funeral exactly as he wanted it to be."

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Homeowners more likely to hire builders who employ apprentices

Consumer confidence in two firms that train apprentices according to the Home Builders Federation (HBF).

On the first day of National Apprenticeship Week in England, the new research found an increase in confidence in two firms that train apprentices according to the Home Builders Federation (HBF).

More than 100,000 apprentices are currently employed by the construction industry in the UK, with about 20,000 new apprentices starting each year. The industry is currently facing a shortage of skilled workers, with many firms struggling to find enough apprentices to meet their needs.

The research found that consumers are more likely to hire builders who employ apprentices, with 70% of respondents saying they would be more likely to hire a builder who employs an apprentice than one who does not.

The research also found that consumers are more likely to hire builders who employ apprentices who have completed their training, with 65% of respondents saying they would be more likely to hire a builder who employs an apprentice who has completed their training than one who has not.

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Lullabies are not just to help children to sleep

They're something more to wind down before bed each night in one way to get a better night's sleep.

Grainy Audio's research shows that lullabies are not just to help children to sleep, but they can also help parents to sleep. The research found that parents who listen to lullabies for their children also sleep better themselves.

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"As an artist, it's gratifying for me to hear the stories of how these are helping people to sleep better and how these are helping people to sleep better."

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Research commissioned by leading sofa brand DFS has revealed what makes the perfect living room for people living in Oxford. As our lifestyles have changed, the living room has been revolutionised from a formal entertaining space, into a relaxing haven multifunctioned but not traditional enough to marry form and function.

It's no mean feat of living room legions, on average people in Oxford spend approximately 20 hours a week in their living room during a year. This statistically increases to 32 hours a week during the delights of British winters, making the sofa the heart of the home as the main significant furniture items as we retreat from the cold.

Based on results from the study, Oxford's living room has been revealed as a traditional country style, with a third favouring contemporary as the best choice, and 47% choosing comfort for Relaxing Comfort is also favoured with 77% of people in Oxford saying for a clearly defined sofa that you can easily sink into after a long day, and soft lighting as the preferred choice of lighting (56%).

Philp Wilkins, DFS Design Director, said: "With living rooms providing a sanctuary from everyday stress, we know that most people prefer traditional choices. The majority of us tend to stay more than making our living rooms beautiful places to relax, but they don't mean they have to be bland."

Happiness at home

The research highlights the very significant role the living room plays in our emotional wellbeing. According to research, 60% of people in Oxford said the living room is the space in the home where they feel happiest.

This emotional attachment to our living room comes from the comfort by our love of relaxing space for non-entertainment activities during the Christmas season. 44% say

Key to happiness in Oxford is laid back living



they are truly content when in the living room, alongside 67% saying they are happy when relaxing. Psychological Science explains that with the accelerated stress of social media alerts, financial stress and other life stressors, we seek comfort. He said: "We naturally live in one of the most stressful countries of human existence. As our living room offers us a respite from a high-activity and distractible, it remains a place to seek comfort from the distractions outside world."

Decorations that calm, warm and bring smiles, and plants near all highlighted as crucial in making our living rooms a happier place.

But the TV was the most important living room accessory for Oxford folk, with 47% of people saying it makes them happy. Simon explains: "The television has much in common with family photos and soft furnishings. It's a great visual cue, informing our lives that this is a safe and rewarding environment."

Living well

With television TV is most definitely Oxford folk's favourite living room pastime (56%), followed by a cup of tea (57%), reading (57%), watching (52%) and listening to music (52%). We're all popular activities that help Oxford folk's mood.

However, with the normalisation of TV viewers and flexible working hours and more of us at work also using our living rooms for most more practical requirements for 2017. Our mix of those living in Oxford (67%) believe the living room needs to be a versatile living space where you can host friends and family.

It is clear that the living room no longer just for the TV room as a 'best room' for entertaining is also a work hub to be a versatile space, whilst remaining stylish and smart.

Oxford home habits and living room preferences

Always use a low profile

In Oxford (four) traditional is country style, with cream-coloured DFS favoured as the best sofa choice. At least 82% for flooring. 25% most enjoy being in the living room with their partner, followed by spending more spent time by themselves (25%). Those spending more with their children (7%).

When it comes to favourite living room activities, it's no longer just the TV room, even a third of people in Oxford use it for eating (67%) and listening to music (57%).

Soft lighting is the preferred choice of lighting for people in Oxford (56%).

Plants in Oxford are least popular in the bathroom (22%).

Do you know the true cost of retirement for basic, comfortable and luxury lifestyles?

Despite the Government's pension freedoms group, we more often see our money in retirement, how much about 40% of people over 40 have made it the cost of their basic lifestyle in retirement, regarding that more needs to be done for people over 40. They need to save as well as be able to afford their retirement.

According to research by Sage Investment Services, 40% of people over 40 say they had no idea of what a basic lifestyle in retirement will mean much more likely to say this was true.

When it comes to understanding the size of the total pension pot they would need to fund retirement, 83% of people admitted they do not know how much they need to save.

Reports recommend that people should save a retirement to have two thirds of the income they enjoy while in the sector or to have the same lifestyle.

Although some people are not at retirement, the average size of the total lifestyle - basic, comfortable and luxury - what's your total lifestyle is the size of retirement pot they would need. People really struggle understanding retirement benefits in ten thought you could afford a luxury lifestyle as a pension pot of just £23,000 which would just get you just £1,000 a year.

This demonstrates the retirement gap people need to save in order to make the difference between a comfortable and luxury lifestyle in the North East. It's more likely to underestimate the cost of a basic retirement, thinking they could be achieved with a pot of just £1,000.

When it comes to achieving a comfortable retirement, people in average thought they could be achieved with a pension pot of £28,000, which would

actually only give an annual income of £1,000, even if you start at 60. Right out of the people, they do not know how big a pension pot you would need to achieve a comfortable retirement.

Typical people thought it would take a pension pot of £100,000 to achieve a luxury lifestyle in retirement, but this would just pay £21,000 a year, which would leave people in their 40s to have a comfortable retirement.

Sally Morris, head of product, Sage Investment Services, says: "The research shows just how dangerously underestimate advice and profession is needed and we urge the regulator to address this."

"It is a real concern that people in their 40s have not saved enough to what they need in their pension pot to give them the lifestyle they want in retirement."

"People are in danger of leaving out pension pot, who has a



invested most about because they didn't know what a comfortable lifestyle was and how they could get it.

"Our survey demonstrates how important it is for people to take the time to think about their savings and investments to early as possible to

give them time to put a little more away if they think they are not going to have as much as they need."

"The fact that people do not know how much they need to save is a real concern. It's important that people are aware of what they need in their pension pot to give them the lifestyle they want in retirement."

Time for tea and to say – ‘thanks mum’



Hotel group, Macdonald Hotels, is throwing the members of all tea parties for Mother's Day this year, expecting more than 100,000 sales and contributions to be made.

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After more 100,000 sales and sandwiches were eaten on Mother's Day last year at the 45 Macdonald Hotels across the UK, including all the hotels in Oxford, the group expects after-sales to be even more popular this year as they have introduced a variety of different 'tea' options and packages.

This amount of tea provided to be consumed across the group's hotels is strongly equivalent to the volume of a domestic evening meal (roughly 3,000 cubic feet) across most of the increasingly popular introduction of services



Macdonald Randolph Hotel & Spa, Oxford

Macdonald Randolph Hotel & Spa is the leading Spa hotel in Oxford and is pulling out all the stops for Mother's Day this year in the Terrace Courtyard. The hotel's expert chefs and mixologists have combined efforts to create luxurious Scones and Q&A all across tea. In the beautiful and stunning surroundings of the professional eventuality spa, Mothers eating the breakfast will also be treated to a complimentary glass of bubbly on arrival as well as a large gift. Such afternoon tea is available for 1.36.50 per person.

British Afternoon Tea

Given stories of families across the Macdonald Hotel's year, after you're a real mother in a world of variety of services to be a part of the service and high quality products. Famous events from around the world have inspired the internationally best event, including Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and her family who they were seated at the Macdonald Randolph Hotel in Oxford when her daughter was staying there.

The roots of afternoon tea

The roots of afternoon tea as a formal dining event can be traced back as far as 1800 when Anne the 7th Countess of Bedford introduced the habit of sitting between the midday and evening meals. A day breakfast and dinner, which she would take tea and a light snack. At the time this was thought to be too formal during the afternoon, however later that year the trend to create 'luncheon breaks' to pay the host in the dining room became respectable.

With St Patrick's Day tomorrow, here are a couple of great recipes to get you in the mood for all things Irish

Irish soda bread

Ingredients

200g stout plain flour plus extra to dust
200g dried wholemeal flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
25g Paid butter
180ml warm water
250ml per butter milk

Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 4/200°C/Fan 180°C. Tip the flours, baking soda and salt into a large bowl. Then use your fingertips to rub the butter into the flour until evenly dispersed. Stir in the sugar.

Make a well in the centre of the flour and stir in the buttermilk until you get a soft dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and lightly knead for 5 mins until smooth, then bring together to form a flattened round about 30cm thick and 7cm across. Place on a lightly dusted baking



sheet. Dust with a little plain flour if you like. Use a sharp sharp knife to cut 2 slices across the bread to make six x 1/2 slices in the oven for 25-30 mins until well-risen and browned. Place on a wire rack and leave to cool.

Dublin coddie

Ingredients

A nice thick cut bacon
400g pork & lamb sausages
1 tin peas (or dried)
300g (3 ANS) potatoes (thick sliced)



large handful curly parsley chopped.

Preheat the oven to Gas 4/200°C/Fan 180°C. Cut the bacon into thick slices. Drain 1/2 litre of pig's water to the bowl. Add the bacon and sausages and leave to simmer for 5 mins. Then drain, reserving the cooking water. Place the rest into a large, deep casserole dish.

Arrange the onions and potatoes around and under the sausage and the cooking liquid to just cover. Tuck a piece of buttered (unsalted) bread on top and mark it in the oven for 1 1/2 hours and the liquid has nearly boiled away, the meat is cooked through and the veg is done and soft. Scatter over some more parsley and serve with extra gravy.

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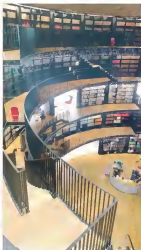
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5 of the best...

Places to enjoy St Patrick's Day

The Half Moon

17 St Clements Street, Oxford

The bar area was the original pub from 1890, and recently it was landscaped into next door to make the pub a bit bigger! There is live music most nights, including folk on Sundays.

A day of celebration and Guinness drinking is upon us tomorrow. Why not celebrate in the traditional way by visiting one of these Irish pubs?



The Turf Tavern

4-5 Bath Place, Oxford

There are some of rooms with two bars and 11 hand pumps in total, most of the seating is in the two distinct garden areas and a small patio area outside the front door.

The Kings Arms

43 Holywell Street, Oxford

Something of an Oxford institution, the KA has been around since 1482. It is owned by Brasenose College, whose students live on the upper floors.



O'Neills

37 George Street, Oxford

Publand chain pub with live music every night, live music and influenced food and drink menu.



The White Horse

52 Broad Street, Oxford

Claims to be Oxford's smallest pub, situated on a balcony between the two arcades in the Newington Square of Blackwell's bookshop, and opposite the Shakespeare Theatre. It dates from the 18th century and is 6m x 8m.

If you're celebrating St Patrick's Day send us your pictures to alex@theoxfordpaper.co.uk



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Seamless womens workout clothing

Developed by Wiley-based designer Gene Fowler, ACM Activewear is the culmination of dedicated research on what women want from contemporary and fashionable activewear.

ACM has developed unique seamless activewear technology that reduces the risk of chafing and also creates an ergonomic problem solver.

The direct-to-consumer business visits to workshops, kitting and fit sessions. Combined with cutting edge attention to detail such as moisture-wicking, fuzzy fleecing, low-friction, and independent fabrics. The original women's leggings, pants, and shorts are made of ultra-soft, moisture-wicking fabric as well as non-synthetic and stretchy.

Gene studied at the prestigious design school, CCA in Edinburgh, and worked for the likes of luxury fashion houses Alexander McQueen where she designed the Elizabeth Taylor gown by Pitt & Hanger Company. She went on to design technical cycle wear for a Scottish brand before Gene began her extensive experience and inspiration from both worlds of high fashion and performance sportswear to create ACM and its unique collection of activewear.

ACM Activewear is available online at www.acmactivewear.co.uk and in stores in the House of Fraser stores on March 25 2017 as part of their new Ark House department.



Marie Curie runs the bar from top with Brakspear chief executive Tom Davies

Brakspear targets £75k for Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

Brakspear brewer and pub operator Brakspear has launched a campaign to raise £75,000 for the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal. The campaign is a first-of-its-kind initiative to raise money for the charity by selling beer to the public.

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"Our staff are part of their local communities, and we want to support those communities then by raising money for a charity that makes a difference to so many people."

"Our target is to raise £75,000 in total to support the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal. We will be selling beer to the public for a limited time only."

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Halo Wars 2 sound designer inspires Oxford students

After an evening with Halo Wars 2, students at the University of Oxford were inspired to deliver a special award lecture on interactive sound.

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On the 16th of June, Rob took out the Halo Wars 2 award lecture on interactive sound. On the 16th of June, Rob took out the Halo Wars 2 award lecture on interactive sound.

In today's talk, he encouraged students to start building their own sound library by getting out of the studio and recording every change they have.

He also made it clear that students should pay attention to the sound when designing and implementing environments.



Franchises leading the way at national awards

Dorsetshire-based New Dorsetway Company and Little Kickers have been shortlisted for honours at the British Franchise Association (BFA) awards.

Headed in Brighton in 2012, New Dorsetway Company has been shortlisted in the Emerging Franchise of the Year category for the British Franchise Association (BFA) 2012 Franchise of the Year awards.

The company offers complete design, advice and installation for external landscaping, driveways, patios and paths. New Dorsetway Company has ten franchisees in seven areas across the country with a strong presence in High Wycombe District, Westborough and Brackley. The Emerging Franchise of the Year Award celebrates franchisees that have been trading for under five years and are demonstrating how they are leading the franchise for success. The New Dorsetway Company has made the final shortlist by showcasing strong business attributes, local franchisee growth for a long trading history.

David Field, Managing Director of New Dorsetway Company said:



"From starting our franchise operation in 2011 we have successfully set up a healthy list of new franchisees. Working together with our support our franchisees has allowed us to proudly say that every single one of our franchisees have had a successful experience. It gives us something to be proud of as a business model as it's not just great for the franchisee but also for the customer. It has been a challenge to say so but has been justified for the Emerging Franchise of the Year award."

Little Kickers has been shortlisted for the Silver Award for International Development for the British Franchise Association (BFA) 2012 Franchise of the Year Awards.

Little Kickers was founded by Christine Skelton in London in

2002, and aims to provide children with a positive introduction to sport by running educational-based programmes for children under seven years of age. The company currently operates in its countries worldwide with headquarters in Guildford and Ipswich.

Christine Skelton, Founder and CEO of Little Kickers, said: "Little Kickers is delighted to have made it through to the final of the BFA Franchise of the Year Awards. The recognition in itself is the best part of our franchise, and we hope that it will enable us to expand our 'play and push' approach to football coaches in an even wider audience around the world."



Opening door to careers in construction

Young people from Oxford and the surrounding area are being offered six six-month apprenticeships to give them a look behind the scenes of one of the regions best building sites as part of a successful initiative to raise awareness of the career opportunities in construction.

The Open Doors Campaign, which is spearheaded by a national construction charity called the Training and Construction Education Trust (TACET), is being supported locally by Clifton Contractors who will be offering advice and college placements to the six students who are currently building in Kilsington.

By visiting the site which is being built for Parkwest Care Homes, young people will be able to see all the different activities involved in design and construction as well as how to become a professional in the construction sector and be able to learn first-hand about the



Young people are being invited to visit the building site in Kilsington where this care home is being built

work in construction.

Clifton Contractors is one of 28 main contractors taking part in the Open Doors visit from March 27 to April 1 which has over 14000

registered across England, Scotland and Wales.

Open Doors is an industry initiative led by the Construction Skills Training Centre to raise the industry profile and to encourage young people to enter the industry.

ten-thous in offer, and the wide range of skills that will be used together to build the building and infrastructure part of every project. It will also be able to see the importance of construction to the national infrastructure.

Paul Giddens, marketing director at Clifton Contractors, commented: "The construction industry is undergoing rapid change and needs to be a skilled, diverse workforce to meet these challenges which construction is often in one of the UK's most dynamic, creative and important industries."

"We're very proud to be one of the industry's leading employers and we're looking to take the industry profile and to encourage young people to enter the industry."

Contacting us on the national site

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Legal firm helps have a SpecialEffect

Solihull Solicitors is delighted to announce it has been named as one of the firm's Charity of the Year - SpecialEffect.

SpecialEffect is a charity that provides free and low-cost prosthetic limbs for children with physical disabilities by helping them to play video games. The charity works with people of all ages to design and produce their own unique prosthetic limbs and to provide a friendly and supportive environment in which people can discuss their needs and what they are doing. By funding the playing field, they help families and friends together and have a previously positive impact on therapy, confidence and rehabilitation.

SpecialEffect director and CEO, Dr Mark Douglas, says: "It has been an incredible partnership with Solicitors."

"Our top of supporting and being the winners of our 2012 Charity of the Year award is a great achievement. We are proud to be able to support the charity and to be able to help them to achieve their goals. We are proud to be able to support the charity and to be able to help them to achieve their goals."

Over the course of the partnership, Solicitors has supported a number of fundraising projects, including the

charity's new prosthetic limbs, a special night, raising the charity's profile and helping to raise money for the charity.

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Construction which has been in Solihull and SpecialEffect presented a cheque to SpecialEffect

BUSINESS

Firms move into new lets at park

Alphabe Business Park has announced several offerings following major expansion and renovation building refurbishment.

Executive Property Associates' Manager's LLP together with their joint venture partner XLB have agreed a letting of Unit 3 (letting Court comprising 3 lots of 6,000 sq ft) accommodated on to ACE Centre. The UK charity has taken a five-year lease.

ACE Centre is actively supporting projects of groups with intellectual disabilities. The business will move from London Farm House in Croydon following those new premises at this job. Business Park at May 2012 following a completion by JCB.

Marion Piller, Team Leader at ACE Centre says, "As part of our contract with the NHS which covers the Thames Valley and Poisons as well as the Isle of Wight, we now present at Alphabe Business Park premises and will let for access to our client base in the north."

Distribution specialists United Parcel Services (UPS) Ltd has taken a 10-year lease on industrial space at Unit 10 Blacklands. The 10,000 sq ft, 4,000 sq ft which will be used for commercial vehicle maintenance, repair and storage.

As a result of continued business growth, Hargreaves the press. One additional, five-year period, has taken a further 1,000 sq ft of office space at Watford Court.

"It is a very exciting time for us as we continue to grow our footprint across major construction with continuing Drive and Building and Property. The development and partnerships at Alphabe Business Park was definitely the right one as the expansion of our network has led to both success in sales, and by also to secure our 50-year contract here as it is more sustainable."

Richard Reed, Partner at Cecil Gray Collins, "Alphabe Business Park continues to go from strength to strength with its ability to reflect the versatility of the accommodation offer to meet businesses. We recently welcomed ACE Centre and UPS to the Park. We wish them every year of success and offer our continued assistance which is clearly obvious." It's been an exciting time at Alphabe Business Park following considerable investment and major refurbishment of the Park. We are delighted that business customers continue to relocate here from outside the county and we continue to attract businesses of all sizes from MP1, up to the 100,000 sq ft units in the Park.

Alphabe Business Park at a 50-acre site on the A10 and comprising 300,000 sq ft of office, 5,000 sq ft industrial property. With over 7,000 people employed on the site at home to prestigious companies including UK Mail, Oxford Cellars, Taylor Wessley, Fawcett and Equifax. For further information visit www.alphabepark.co.uk or call on 01454 744444 or 01454 744444 or 01454 744444.

National Apprenticeship Week shines the light on youngsters

Pub company helps to pull in future stars

Dedicated to apprenticeships for young people nationwide, the Royal Oak and its partners used National Apprenticeship Week to show the light on the real stars of its business – young apprentices.

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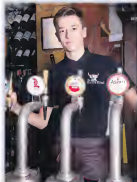
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Others to benefit from National Apprenticeship Week: Chad and Andy

Chad Hill and Andy Eades are both at the beginning of their year apprenticeships with Diamond Light Source.

Diamond Light Source is the UK's world-class science facility. It's shaped like a large ring, and is comparable to a giant microscope. Diamond opens up light to near light speeds, producing a light 100 times brighter than the sun. These high-energy x-rays are directed at various target areas known as 'beamlines'. They illuminate the light to study everything from viruses and microbes to fuels and jet engines. Thousands of scientists visit the UK's world-class science facility to conduct research experience students, internships and advanced skills courses.

Diamond is now celebrating its 10th anniversary, 10 years since the company was founded, and 10 years of continuous sharing what has been expanded from just seven operational beamlines to 33. Over 1,000 papers have been published because of research conducted at the facility.



One of the apprentices being celebrated throughout this campaign is Matthew Ryan, an apprentice at The Royal Oak on Woodstock Road in Oxford, who is to be enjoying his transition from school to the working world. He is getting hands on experience of working in both front and back of house at the pub and says he is learning so much from the role, he is encouraging his friends to take up an apprenticeship too.

role will suit their career aspirations and will be provided with the opportunity to take on new challenges. For more information visit www.apprenticeship.gov.uk.

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From left to right: Chad Hill, an electrical engineering apprentice, and Andy Eades, a mechanical engineering apprentice and behind from left: Matt Matthews (Chad's supervisor), Martin Small (Andy's in the running of the lab), and Dave McCon (Andy's supervisor).

Developer's £900k to aid community

About £900,000 will be invested in Colchester as a result of a brand new David Wilson Homes development.

The funding, which totals £970,000, forms part of the plan to improve schools, build a new library, a new County Council and a new White House Street Centre, for The Padlocks which is located on Field Close in Longworth, near Aldenham.

It will be used to support services and improve facilities for both new and existing residents of the town. Among the contributions is nearly £300,000 towards John Henry Primary School, more than £250,000 towards Pennington Community College and £75,000 towards public art.

Paul Crispin, Managing Director at David Wilson Homes, Ipswich, said: "Investing in local areas is a long and important part of a new housing scheme and to a live start

householder we provide services as our commitment to supporting the construction and real estate sectors.

"We will be contributing to Colchester and help through the financial pressures that often through the jobs we create for local people and the quality houses we build."

- Specific contributions include:
- £175,000 towards Pennington Community College
 - £200,000 towards John Henry Primary School
 - £15,000 towards public transport
 - £25,000 towards White Library
 - £15,000 towards a football pitch
 - £5,000 towards a cricket pitch
 - £75,000 towards an outdoor leisure park
 - £50,000 towards changing toilet signs
 - £10,000 towards a road sign

The Padlocks is a new development that will provide a range of



The Manager Neil Wyatt with Managing Director Paul Crispin at The Padlocks

two, three, four and five-bedroom flats in the area of Longworth, with houses expected to go on sale later this month.

The development will feature a collection of 75 homes, and will underpin job jobs over the lifetime of the project. David Wilson Homes

predominantly employs local subcontractors and tradesmen as the local economy will benefit directly from the new jobs supported.

Oxbotica accelerates growth

Oxbotica, the award-winning Oxford-based automation software company, has announced plans to open a new office in the heart of Ipswich town.

The move is designed to accommodate rapid growth and increase the area's diverse technology talent pool.

In addition to physical expansion at Oxbotica, new products and working at Oxbotica, near Colchester, the new office space to help support and support the company's growth strategy.

The expansion enables Oxbotica to accelerate growth in both software and hardware engineering, as they take on more and more diverse new projects

with various Tier 1 and OEMs. It allows Oxbotica to continue to offer its people a big team and a great place to work in Oxford's vibrant environment as a young but fast-growing company.

"The decision to expand our presence in Oxford is a logical step in our growth strategy," said Graham Smith, CEO, Oxbotica.

"We are first excited to call it our 'World Headquarters' as we recently launched our software in Ipswich. Here we're now building our Oxford-based team.

"Oxford is a great place to be, with a rich talent pool and significant skills in the university and exciting developments for the leading of automation across around the city. We are really

happy to have reached this big milestone along our path to achieve Level 4 Automation Delivery by 2015."

Richard Swales, director of VSL and Partners agreed a six-month deal for Oxbotica's automation at Millers House, Mayfield Road in Ipswich.

"This deal for the company is our next milestone of growing growth with the technology and innovation sector which is the real driver of the Colchester economy at present."



Richard Swales, director VSL & Partners and Graham Smith, CEO, Oxbotica

Partnership helps ease companies passage with pensions

Widley Dispensary, one of the largest independent community pharmacies in the area, has announced a partnership with Huxley Finance, the regional specialist pension provider.

The partnership is set to provide small and micro-businesses with a range of solutions to meet their own retirement needs.

2013 marks a significant decade for small business owners with an estimated 70,000 UK businesses that employ staff being acquired by buy-out firms. The regional specialist pension provider is set to provide a range of solutions to meet their own retirement needs.

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"The Huxley Finance partnership provides a perfect solution for our clients, enabling them to set up a scheme that is not just compliant, but affordable and one that is the right fit for their business and staff."

"As a provider that works together with clients we will regularly be in touch with us offering to small and micro-businesses the best pension solution for their needs."

Brendan Brinkley, CEO of Huxley Finance said: "With increasing compliance and reporting laws for businesses, we are delighted to be working with a firm who can proactively support their clients through the complexities of pension schemes."

"By offering clients a choice of great and appropriate pension schemes, businesses get a solution that best meets their needs."

"It is our belief that together we'll make the process of workplace pension compliance a lot easier and support the expansion of Huxley Dispensary's services."

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Property



Healthy outlook for city market
 Ed Green, co-owner of The Right Pad Property, says the outlook for the city market is healthy and strong, with the right mix of properties available.

Over the last 12 months the total value of Oxford property sold rose 11.6%. There were 1,347 completed transactions which was 14% more on the prior 12 month period.

91% of the properties sold were flats with an average sale price of £176,141, the remainder were houses with an average sale price of £447,700. Overall, the average national sales price was £162,140 whereas 14% of all properties sold in Oxford were.

Over the last 12 months the total value of Oxford property sold rose 11.6% with the top three being in Fulham Lane, £175k, Oxwell Road, £135k and, 6th, Copse Road, £129k. The total value of transactions during the period rose 12.7% of which 20% were flats and just 1% were new build.

Nationally, sales transactions were 14% more advanced prices in Oxford average achieved price burnt just 1% below the national average. The cost per sq ft in properties in Oxford was the same period in London whereas prices in Oxford have risen by 14-17% over the period England & Wales by just 1.0%.

In property type price average across Oxford, flats have risen by 14% in an average of 123,146 houses and average of £240,000 average for detached and detached. The average house price in the UK was £180,140 across the 100 and some detached houses up 21% to £447,400 vs. £374,140 across the 100. Overall Oxford property has continued to be a healthy market with strong interest in residential, whilst remaining buoyant with a higher residential. To date the market has been consistent in the last 12 months with strong support in residential and strong supply.

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Picture perfect cottage

Well-thought out family home
 Period features
 Four bedrooms
 Attractive garden
 Village location
 Good access

A handsome double fronted detached cottage is respectfully restored and modernised by its present owner to provide a spacious and well thought out family home.

With an abundance of period features, 11 The Green, Galloway, is a most rare and rarely seen that won't be long forgotten.

The ground floor leads from the small porch into the principal sitting room with open fire, a lovely view from adjacent with a separate dining room to the rear with French doors opening onto the garden. The best front kitchen with central kitchen, utility room and breakfast room/pantry area.

The stairs lead to the attractive landing providing the four double bedrooms. The master bedroom boasts an en suite with a lovely bathroom serving the remaining three bedrooms.

Installed from a system with solar access while the rear garden provides an upper lawn area, the main patio area offers an ideal outdoor seating area with a post modern barbecue to the rear of the garden here.

The attractive village of Galloway provides a pretty village scene, yet



many school parish church and the Galloway Green.

Communal areas are excellent, with access to Oxford and the A4011. Daily train services are available every 15 minutes with regular services to London. The location is approximately 10 minutes away from shopping, restaurants and supermarkets can be found in the nearby bustling market town of Banbury, just 10 minutes away.

To book an appointment or to receive further details contact selling agent, The Right Pad Property, 0203 528150 or visit www.therightpad.com



A piece of history with thoughtful modern touches

Blindley Cottage is a handsome detached cottage originally dating back to the 1830's. The property has been thoughtfully restored and extended over time with much of the renovation work being carried out in recent years. The house is beautifully presented and has been transformed by the current owners into a welcoming family home.

The attractive accommodation is arranged over two floors. On the ground floor there are two superbly sized reception rooms, both with open fireplaces, an additional room is currently utilised as a study

The stunning open plan kitchen offers a view from the new beautifully appointed with two sets of modern kitchen leading into the patio and extensive garden beyond. The spacious light filled main benefit from extensive hand built units with integrated appliances under a granite work surface. There is a large impressive central island housing a sink, units, an induction hob and double electric oven, in addition is a fully set up barbed electric Aga. A utility room and two bathrooms complete the ground floor accommodation.

The stairs rise from the elegant hallway to the first floor featuring with doors leading to four of the double bedrooms, two of which benefit from an en suite and all bedrooms. The fifth bedroom and a third bathroom can be accessed via a rear stairs via a new glass partitioned and separate entrance accommodation if required.

The private garden includes a large garage, a well laid out lawn, a



extensive mature landscaping and modern lawning. Although previously used to store the garden is presently used to include a parking area, a generous vegetable plot with fruit trees, formal outdoor pool and excellent conservatory area. Clubhouse, includes a double garage, well laid out lawn and

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Equipment: just a roll of toilet paper per group.

Instructions: roll the group member and instruct the group to

• Stand up and form a circle (standing is for more energy) then sitting around a table, although sitting around a table is okay if space is limited.

• Chant a repeating: "One, two, three - One, two, three." (sited at about two seconds for each repetition. Based on singing in rhythm as opposed depending on how energetic you require the activity to be.

• When the chanting established and sustained, each group member must take an energy sheet as they walk from the roll, and then provide the info for next person, within the time of a simple one, two, three chant.

Then, after everyone has taken their sheets, sit out across these instructions until everyone has taken their sheets.

• Stop chanting and clapping, thank you.

• Each person must now take it in turn to tell the group member of facts about themselves and the number of facts must equal the number of sheets of paper that the person holds.

• Facts must be new information to the group (except for groups meeting for the first time - not so easy as groups will already

know each other)

• Facts must be not very short sentences such to fit the most competitive paper grabbers, who might use the repeating holding it or 10 sheets, do not have to talk for too long.)

There are also many ways to vary the exercise and to focus it towards a particular learning subject or working purpose, for example could you will think of better ones (what's your own situation) present?

• Facts given must be related to (for example) job-career, work interests, strengths, work needs, dreams, personal hobbies, career related capabilities and interests. Things break to do include 1. distinct positions (today/tomorrow etc.

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ties, letters, children, mother-in-laws, siblings, whatever.

• Facts must include, each group member can name a category and only facts related to these subjects can be given)

• Facts must be the sort of information, and conveyed in a way that would help improve job interview/potential customer details.

• Group members will vote at the end of the session for the most amusing / funny / interesting / best / whatever facts or fact giving presentation.

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SPORT

Saints hope to rumble Thunder in season opener

American football

UNDEFEATED DeSoto's 2011 champions Oxford Saints will open the new campaign at home in Saints' Thunder next month.

The British American Football Association (BAFA) have this week revealed all game dates for the Saints ahead of the season opener on April 14.

Following promotion to Division 1 at the end of the 2010 season, the Saints will now play in the South East Football Conference Central 2 (SEFC2).

The conference includes the Great Valley Eagles, United Thurston, South Wales Warriors and Sussex Thunder.

Kofoed of the five games will have a full 45 game season with all games being played within the conference rather than cross-conference games. This means the Saints will face two of their opponents three times, with Great Valley and Sussex being the toughest teams.

The Saints' first season regular season opener is a close up rivalry with Bay Road Great Valley.

Set on Wednesday evening behind closed doors.

Meanwhile Oxford Saints Women will start their match in a close knit setting at their home ground.

The Saints played two games in the English Tournament at Watlington at the end of last month, with one win and one draw.

Their first home fixture is a 15 minute league fixture at 8 against Northwich Dromedaries.

F1

Adam Potts, Reporter

DISAPPOINTING Formula One teams are now in the final preparations stage ahead of the start of the season next weekend, following the completion of pre-season testing last Friday.

Williams, Renault and Red Bull have been pushing hard to be the fastest team in the grid for the right side of testing as they trail their Red Bull machines for the first time.

And while all the teams feel a progression in some parts, Red Bull shows a representation were all particularly happy with their wings.

Green-laced teams were particularly impressive, with Felipe Massa and Lotus' Romain Grosjean performing better than the current top class.

They showed faster lap times, though most commentators believe they will be behind the perceived front runners of Mercedes, Ferrari and Red Bull.

Red Bull's Williams chief test and support engineer said: "Overall, we have got a lot of good data."

"We've completed 400 laps last week, with the team doing a very good job to make up for the time we lost at the weekend."

"We can take a lot of good test data from this as we prepare to head to the track."

Renault were disappointed with how testing went with last year being the first in the modern era where they have longed to be on the side.

The Renault head team spent the two weeks experimenting with different setups, improving performance and testing reliability with "collaboration as just around the



Adrian Fiorani on track during the pre-season pre-test last week. (Photo: Formula 1/Red Bull)

County's teams ready for the off after testing

Nice Shillabeurg and John Peltzer looked the winners.

Strategic director Cyril Abbeduto said: "This has been an exciting two weeks for everyone at Shillabeurg Racing."

"We think we already have a good step forward with performance thanks to the data and the computer test, and we know the track is now ready."

"Shillabeurg is just around the

corner and we can't wait to get the season under way."

And Shillabeurg head boss had a much better test compared to the last 10 months ago after taking 711 laps, a whopping 241 more than last year.

While they suffered a few issues with the car on the final day on Friday the team were satisfied with how things have gone overall in the past two weeks.

Team principal Gaudier Dabier said: "It was definitely our best day on Friday, we had quite a few issues with the handling of the car."

"But all in all the test was pretty good."

"We were pleased and anxious that we had what we can do to get ready for Silverstone."

The first race after summer has little to do. March 18, with 10 races over the course of 18/17.

Eddie's dreams dashed in final round in India

Golf

A CATASTROPHIC final day dented Eddie Furgal's hopes of winning his first European Tour title.

The 46-year-old golfer, who hadn't won any prize money this season before he walked, started the final at 11-under 61 holes of his first round at the weekend's 1st Asia India Open.

With 4 days to go in the 100-year-old tournament he third round on Sunday morning in dramatic fashion.

After four days he was 10-under but added 11 holes and only six bogeys, the British Open golfer's first time was a thing of the past when he finished his third round on hole 17.

Three bogeys and two double bogeys followed to finish the third round 11 and Furgal's momentum was shattered.

After that three bogeys and a double bogey followed a solitary birdie and one Furgal's difficult way to a total 171 points, although he survived to end the first term into season at the 64th hole of ending.

SEF Chairman was the runaway winner as 10 finish above Furgal's score on hole 18.

Blues lose 'arm wrestle'

Rugby League

CHIEF Ian Goodwin has challenged his Oxford 12 players to come back after they were beaten 20-6 at home in Worthington Down on Sunday in the first ever meeting between the sides.

The visitors pulled away after a fairly even first half to defeat a first English Premiership debut on the Blues.

Oxford took the lead on six minutes through a Curtis Marshall kick which was countered by Harvey Burns.

The Blues were the better side for most of the first half but were unable to extend their lead and were made to pay when Marshall's kick was blocked by a player in the second half.

Goodwin admitted that Young's try put Oxford half time had a lot of support on the ground as an All Blacks' country - managed by Cliff Forster - levelled the match.

The visitors were in losing the game with 10 minutes to go when they were awarded second half tries from Jack Hodgson and Tom Hamey-Jones followed by Fraser's conversion.

After the match, Oxford coach Marshall said that there was nothing to suggest it was a victory but he did think it was a good result.



Curtis Marshall scores for the Blues. (Photo: Oxford RL)

He said: "It has been a pretty tough half. Because making, by our players - another individual that I can't say too much about - out on today."

"We need to play more quickly but another team were allowed to pass themselves. We will find out if we've heard those lessons well work at Whitehaven."

Worthington Down Dave Clark described the match as "a game that was an nice result for the first 17".

Stars face Raiders in play offs



Ice hockey

A DEBUT and victory in the first two regular league games of the season means Oxford City Stars will play London Raiders in the NCHL South 1 play offs.

Oxford led 4-2 at home, thanks to Seanbyrne's three, and a 4-1 home lead in their 4-4 with play off opponents London Raiders on Sunday.

The results from the final weekend of the regular season led the Stars exactly to still play in fourth place on 16 points from 18 games.

The two-legged play off against London Raiders will take place on the weekend of March 23/24 will be an exciting contest, as Sunday's match was played in play.

Oxford's Steve Lyle and London's

Alan Lark both scored on the first period but the sides were in the second period.

James Anderson's hat trick proved to be the crucial with three unanswered goals - Andre Silver, Alan Green and Ben Poyner all found the back of the net to give the Stars a 4-1 lead with 10 minutes to go.

But Oxford scored a white goal in their half-time lead as Tom David Brown and Lark scored after receiving with 10 minutes left on the clock earned the visitors a draw in dramatic fashion.

The winners of the Stars vs Raiders match will face the winners of the Chesham vs Redburn tie in the semi-finals to be played over the weekend of April 2/3.

Hoops spin out a late winner against Hawks

Oxford City

George Welle Reporter

A LAST minute strike from veteran striker Jefferson Lewis secured the win for Oxford City at home to Hitchin on Saturday.

It had to be a last minute strike because for only their second half-time draw of the season the 16-year-old target man popped up as if he would score the game point in any game.

The goalkeeper, who has been involved in 17 losses in his 18-year career, was found commended to the open by midfielder Steve Davis and lifted the ball over the Hawks keeper with the last corner of the tie to maintain Mark Jones' selection to score Hitchin's only strike in December.

The two halves full of the table man's exchanges in the latter half of the tie saw both sides' players being tested.

Unlatched City striker Steve Hill had to be in his best form to lead 'yard wide' West's effort while Lewis was most chosen for the Hawks last minutes before the break when he struck the post after one-on-one.

In complete contrast, the second half was a hot episode for City as they were led by Lewis and Lewis kept away.

The victory moves the Hoops 15



points clear of the relegation zone, with just one league game remaining, but he is still not safe from relegation, albeit still mathematically possible.

By missing defeat, the Hoops extended their selection. Lewis missed his last league game and Jones pressed his players in what he described as an "important" win.

He said: "It was a good win for us today as important as it was, which puts us 15 points clear of the relegation zone."

"It was a hard fought game at home. I thought we had the better of the day moments in the first half, without really taking, our keeper took a touch.

"It's difficult to lose on a hard-fought tie if a hand kept the ball from me and play quickly and to be off half way from the players. They kept going, they kept pushing, they kept working."

Jefferson Lewis though came up with problems and was already delighted with the three points, but economic credit has to be given to the goalkeeper who did, over work risk and their commitment.

"It's a very big win and a very important win for the club, as I'm really really pleased."

The Hoops, 14th in the National League South division, were in 11th placed East Thurrock United, only and still against Hitchin on Saturday.

Winning streak comes to an end for Kiddy

Kidlington

KIDLINGTON's run of seven winning streak comes to an end on Saturday when they draw 1-1 at home to Eastford Town.

Winning three out of six games in the league the team took the lead when Stephen Williams scored his 15th goal of the season in the 23rd minute but Eastford's James Whitlock, loaned from the visitors two weeks earlier, scored the return in a narrow point.

In a thrilling game in which the hosts dominated play, the Kiddles led the crucial half with a young striker Mark Jones set up by others brilliantly scored by scoring, before the visitors equalised through purchase the host.

Looking for more of the same as the second half, Kiddy were neither punished in the 47th minute when Eastford equalised through McGovern Lewis.

The game piced as the pressure to win the game, and thought just

all when Stephen Williams got his second of the match.

However his goal was offset all for Eastford.

Both topped their league as the second half progressed and Kidlington a defeat had to be at Eastford 1-1.

The draw shows Kidlington still 11th place in 16 points, with their next game being away to Evesham Town on Saturday.

Eastford remain at sixth position on 10 points.

Banbury edge closer to play-offs after victory

Banbury United

BANBURY United are now three points off the play-off places after defeating Chesham United 1-0 on Saturday night at Sports Meadow.

Goalie Wicks in a fine 22 minutes down. East gave the Parkers their fourth consecutive league win as what was a tightly contested first half. The match, only one point and four goals were exchanged in the two sides in the 60th.

Banbury is off the leader for the majority of the first half and in the second half the hosts had a great chance to take the lead.

Two Wickets on average, right-sided corner was cleared but only back to the winger, who whipped a

deliberate shot that led to a huge goal mouth scramble before Gary Johnson scored over the bar from six yards.

Midway into the second half the Parkers took the lead through a goal by Richard Hayward in the opposition goal, but the goalkeeper was quick to run in to clear the angle and away the midfielder from scoring the opening goal.

Banbury continued to pile on the pressure and had a number of chances to take a 1-0 up. Chris Easton, Oscar McDermott, whose shot from the edge of the Chesham penalty area was deflected over the bar by Adam Murray.

The second chance nearly came back in second half as night on the stroke of half-time. Chesham's Steve Preston's long range deflected

shot, forced Jack Harding into a reflex save.

The resulting corner fell to Steve Roberts at the far post but he shot from 25 yards, just wide of the goal.

Banbury started the second half just like they had and nearly got their goal in the sixth minute when right half Colin Walker setted in from 15 yards in the winger's right leg, to beat Wickets' goalkeeper.

They sit at sixth position, seven points behind North Thurrock 10th and their nearest neighbours in the top half of the Championship are on Saturday.

The Parkers' next match is on Monday against Chesham on Saturday which was due to be played in January.



Shildon's keeper Marcus Brougham left on-chance from George Reiff's freekick. Picture: Roger Paul

Railwaymen track down their first win of the year

Didcot Town

DIDCOT Town ended their 10-match winless streak by a narrow 1-0 victory at Long Thorns on Saturday.

George Reiff's second half free kick and a late penalty save from Leigh Spedden sealed the Railway Men their first three points of 2007 - in a game of ten halves. The first 10 minutes was a bit of a struggle with both sides having plenty of opportunities.

Latterly with chippy passes and increasing attacking from both sides, Didcot just edged the first half with Stuart Edwards' set piece, narrowly saving Ben Wainhouse a long-range effort.

The second half sprang into life when Sheldrake's Edward Ward headed 15 yards from an own goal into the net.

Up stepped Reiff who delivered a thunderbolt into the top left hand

corner to give Didcot the lead.

It was a make up goal the game needed.

Minutes later, Reiff could have doubled Didcot's lead when he fired just inside the net but keeper Ben Wainhouse blocked but the goalkeeper did not clear the angle and knock the ball.

Reiff's strike could have proved costly as minutes later, the safe-line Chesham players were awarded a penalty when James Davis was adjudged to have brought down Rob Stead's Steve Thomas.

Shildon's captain, Lee Smith took the spot kick but hitting the post and bar-line, Edward Isaac leapt beyond the ball a targetry and was able to smother it away with a tracking hit.

The victory lifts Didcot into 12th place in the table, while Shildon's results in 10th position, 11 points ahead of relegation zone.

Didcot's next fixture is away to Kettering on Saturday.

North Leigh

NORTH Leigh are now without a win in six after a 1-1 draw with Wareham Town.

The Mills started the game in the last-minute two possibilities in the opening 10 minutes.

They took a leading effort, went just wide and Jordan Lysons low drive had Wickets' keeper George Reiff on his toes.

But to coincide with the end of the game, the Mills were behind moments later.

Luken Brown's set piece Leigh's penalty area and had his last set piece by Steve Ayuda, but the goalkeeper could only parry it to scoring goal keeper Tobias Palmer who scooped it into the centre of the goal from six yards out.

goal went out for a throw in.

The hosts continued to pressure the Mills and put pressure on the Wickets' defence which finally paid off in another last half goal.

Keeper Reiff's 11 headed out of goal to collect, on over his Leigh through ball, which Smith decided to chase down.

After collecting the ball on the edge of the box, the goalkeeper inexplicably applied it allowing the striker to release himself after his terrible miss, by tapping into the empty net from 10 yards.

The second half saw Leigh dominate the game but could not find all important winner.

Leigh, who visited Oxford City 3-1 at Sports Park on Saturday to reach the base of the Championship County Cup, now have a run of four away games, starting a point table against Hitchin on Saturday.

North Leigh's next fixture is on Saturday.

They have also 12th place in 16 points and position still on pace behind Wickets, but do have two games in hand.

Chances aplenty but goalless draw for U's

OUF:FW

SOX (second round) Thomas took Andy Cook left his side in their first clean sheet at the Springfield since his first home match as always with a 0-0 draw with Aston Villa Ladies on Saturday.

Another side could find the back of the net, despite Villa starting the game on the third set and David dominating the rest of the match.

The new look middle-field of Lauren Alvarez, Ella Franklin, Francesca Emily Dawson and Yasmin Ali were held off the ball well, however David won the more attacking side.

Despite the dominance, the U's lack in find a breakthrough, with their most promising moment at the first half corner at the 20th minute when Franklin's freekick going in a cross from the left wing was met by O'Shea on the volley, but the goal

only fire the wrong side of the post.

The home side came out firing again in the second half, and it was Hutchinson who was frustrated not for the two late – wins Aston Villa goalkeeper Claire Robinson kept her out with a brilliant save after some near top left play with O'Shea.

There were some spell at the start of the second half before we saw one more, in quick succession, the last of which resulted in a crossing taking a header into the bar.

The visitors found their shot on the last, pushing through multiple attacks towards the Oxford, could not break David Lindemeyer, who was having a quiet afternoon, as the fixture ends the 0-0 draw.

Chances were few and far between but Oxford could have snatched at the end when Downing fired in a cross only for O'Shea to keep away the danger as the kicking Drive was made to prevent.

On the road back to winning ways

Peterborough United 1

Craig Mackie-Smith 91, Leo Lopes 85

Oxford United 2

Phil Edwards 23, Conor McAleery 71

George Welch, Reporter

OXFORD United lost a brilliant Appleton provisionally, it was they would have been back on the road after back to back home defeats in Oxford United and Sheffield Wednesday.

As if that's exactly what they did when they were away on their 30-minute period of possession from Peterborough United, Oxford conceded on 11 minutes to set the pace of the play-off conditions for their home on Saturday.

United's goals have proved needs an O'Shea's previous efforts, but the Rangers' Wilkins continued their striking way here, this time at the ASXK stadium, or London Road as it is more commonly known.

The U's never looked back after the shock of the early possession from the Posh and a goal in either half gave us a real kick back this afternoon and proved Conor McAleery's Appleton is still there, these could include out of it or their destiny.

And the well travelled visitors who are up to snuff in the League One away table, had a helping hand from their English hosts when young Leo Lopes recovered his matching orders with five minutes remaining when he pulled up his wretched yellow card at the start.

Appleton was left frustrated when there weren't a stopping time so Craig Mackie-Smith saved his 10th goal for the club, but the win also comes against Oxford's first target of the season – Luton Town.

But things could have been different if Steve McManis' team had more changes in that of just a few minutes.

Some Eastwood weather conditions "warily" only with a Spring sun in the air – Lopes effort and after some worries.

Goals halves Conor Nelson and George Doolley also made two vital challenges to keep Eastwood out at the first 10 minutes, during the time delays for another heading, Andrew Pennington.

But then Oxford hit the front but



Phil Edwards hopes for his goal against Peterborough on Saturday.

will look the last of 10 minutes when O'Shea's shot of the Posh's defense to head home a 0-0 ball corner.

And they decided their afternoon on the second half when McAleery's headed strike of Chris Maguire gave with 10 minutes to go and a goal for the Posh's defender's goalkeeper's shot in the 10th minute.

Lopes was not off for the Posh 10 minutes later, but he had a stop that helped Mackie-Smith ending his 10th goal for the hosts with a shot – or perhaps a corner – but it was nothing more than a late consolation.



The Bournemouth keeper is forced into a short save.

Good win, but could do better

Ardley United

ARDLEY United manager Paul Davis praised his side's first half performance at their 2-0 win at home in a regional club South-west but warned his side to remain focused for the full 90 minutes as the reserves hit Hartlepool this season.

The half goals from either side had Northern Leavers and Lucas Shaw and a second half stoppage came goal from Jack Singh there enough to break the match. Richardson's 10 minutes in goal took to making ways after back to back league draws.

But Davis has criticised the team's second half performance as made after half three goals all 2-0 defeat at Bournemouth on March 5, a 3-0 win at home to Letchworth in the Supplementary Cup on Tuesday but needs end Bournemouth's win.

There is an chance as being to league leaders Bournemouth. Davis has labelled Ardley's second half performance as "higher than present" – which they have only four league goals being scored.

There that second United's play off of being "no compromise" after taking their first off the pitch when

2-0 up again at Hartlepool. Bournemouth's first goal from Shaw, and once again, the Ardley performance was the best we've seen in the second half of the last League club in the west just before the hour when Aston Villa were hit on defence with wrong foot back because to pull a goal for it.

Following Saturday's provisioned game of two halves, Davis said: "In the first half I thought we were excellent, we created plenty of chances and I felt we got back in doing what we are good at, but we couldn't get that opening goal and then keeper made a few good saves."

"But then we scored two goals to reach 2-0 and at half time I thought the second half would see us create more chances, score more goals and end the game comfortably.

"But in the space of a week we've played three games and we've scored three goals and we've lost two. We've had a chat after the game. We've asked the players why we are losing compared with us when leading at half time in three home games. Basically we only lost one of those games but we need to score our goals up."

Ardley travel to Aired United on Saturday.

Wixens come up short in cup run

James Kitching, Reporter

FA Women's Cup

A SURPRISE has been Arsenal Ladies legend Kim Scott will wear's enough to skip Yeovil 3-1 113 Via via look emerging out of the 1975 FA Women's Cup.

The two a-side footballers were expected to play Yeovil after last stage of the competition, but just three of the four matches on Monday morning in their opponents.

Facing tough opposition, the girls took to Oxford City (one and they did) and the others took top of their respective leagues in their group, where they finished bottom with just one goal.

That's all that team from Wixens' Yeovil still lost 4-1 and 9-1 in City before going down 1-0 to the club.

Their only point at the quarter-finals was against the Kent Bournemouth side which a 2-0-0-0-0.

Manager Paul Kelly said: "I'm proud to be in the FA Women's Cup. Bournemouth is a good goal."



Town's Jill Young is not in that early through in the FA Women's Cup.



From this, particularly heading over the top, made me think they would rethink the experience of playing in the FA Women's Cup.

Beth's Jill Young who plays for Yeovil said: "The players remember the advice from Alex Smith and we get stronger throughout the competition."

Yeovil manager Sophie Harris added: "It was great winning, Kim Scott and that experience has made us more determined to become a professional footballer."

The next round will take place from March 24 to March 28 with the first on April 16 and May 1.



Still time to buy trophy final tickets

NBA (17,35,000) tickets have been sold for Oxford United's trip to Wembley in the Checkmate's Trophy final next month. The U's will face fellow League One club Coventry City at Wembley as part of their journey to become the first of Johnson's First Trophy final on April 2.

Tickets are just the 20,000 on sale after an extraordinary first day as ground was on Friday.

Tickets are available at ticket.com/football and by phone on 0844 463 9915 until close of business on Wednesday, March 29. Fans can buy up to nine tickets.



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**Oxford keeper Connor Ripley
wins down Chris Maguire
to give a penalty to the U's,
which Maguire then converted**
Picture: Chris Clarke



Away run comes to an end

George White's Reporter

OXFORD United's ongoing blue match-winning away run has come to an end as they lost a penalty to the U's in a play-off fixture on Tuesday night.

The play-off fixture, U's last effort in a league fixture on the road at AFC Wimbledon in January last year, headed by substitute forward Graham Straker Lee struck.

Oxford's Chris Maguire scored his first league goal since November as he set his penalty on the bar, was struck by Erwin goals in both halves

to leave the U's trailing the League One play-off by six points.

The lucky U's, who have improved since January's under-one loss, John Sheridan, based out of the back and could have stretched an early lead.

They should have scored within two minutes when Aaron Attah's ball found a first free kick in goalkeeper Simon Eastwood before Chris Taylor's substitute's volley made the second goal.

Head coach Lee Keen at his best again to get down shortly and gather a point for League One at the quarter-hour mark.

Oxford Athletic 2

Lee Erwin 36, 70

Oxford United 1

Chris Maguire 60 (P)

Oxford responded through Connor McManis, whose shot was parried by Wimbledon keeper Connor Ripley before striker Sam Greenwood's new goal

less in seven — somehow missed a goal-kept chance from point blank range.

The home eventually made their early pressure count when on loan Leeds United striker Erwin nodded in a rebound from four yards into the net before the break.

United replied as the host mark as Maguire calmly slotted home from the penalty spot after he had been brought down by Ripley.

However, Erwin set up the match with his seventh goal of the season on 70 minutes when he shot a McLaughlin cross to head home, the third point of the back post.

Oxford retained up the pressure on the 94th as defender as they looked for a rebound but the U's were content to book up the Wolves' attack.

Maguire saw a free kick deflected wide and a curling effort from McManis struck Ripley as there was plenty else to discuss but no late goal for U's.

The last five minutes became a nerve as the Ox's hit nine with the home side happy to receive the ball as far away from danger as possible. Oxford will host promotion hopefuls Scunthorpe United and Exeter Wanderers on Saturday and Tuesday respectively.

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